



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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MURDER CHARGE FILED AGAINST RICHARD LOPEZ FOR 2015 STABBING DEATH

Richard Joseph Lopez (38, of Fresno) has been charged in a Felony Complaint for the July 23, 2015, stabbing death of Kenton Craig (“KC”) Haggard, the Fresno County District Attorney’s Office has announced.

The Complaint alleges that the defendant committed the felony crime of Murder [P.C. § 187(a)], as well as an additional allegation that a knife was used in the commission of the crime [P.C. § 12022(b)(1)].

If convicted of the charge and allegation, Mr. Lopez faces a sentence of up to twenty-six (26) years to life in prison. However, upon age 60, and after serving 25 years, Mr. Lopez will be eligible for release under the Elderly Parole Program.

Mr. Lopez is currently in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He is scheduled to be arraigned in Department 31 of the Fresno County Superior Court on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.

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