



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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MURDER AND RELATED CHARGES FILED AGAINST MARIO ROSALES FOR SATURDAY NIGHT STABBINGS IN PARLIER

Mario Rosales (65, of Parlier) has been charged in a Felony Complaint for the Saturday night stabbings in Parlier that injured two and claimed the life of Cosme Velasquez, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has announced.

The Complaint alleges that the defendant committed the felony crimes of:

- 1.) Murder of Cosme Velasquez with the Use of a Knife [P.C. § 187(a) & 12022(b)(1)];
- 2.) Attempted Murder with the Use of a Knife Causing Great Bodily Injury upon Carlos Balderas [P.C. § 664/187(a), 12022(b)(1), & 12022.7(a)]; and
- 3.) Assault with a Deadly Weapon upon Hermelando Balderas [P.C. § 245(a)(1)].

If convicted of the charges, Mr. Rosales faces a sentence of up to life in prison. However, after serving 25 years, Mr. Rosales will be eligible for release under the Elderly Parole Program.

Mr. Rosales is currently in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He is scheduled to be arraigned in Department 10 of the Fresno County Superior Court on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.

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