



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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MULTIPLE MURDER AND CRIMINAL THREAT CHARGES FILED AGAINST DARSHAN DHANJAN FOR LAST WEEKEND'S DOUBLE HOMICIDE

Darshan Singh Dhanjan (65, of Fresno) has been charged in a Felony Complaint with multiple charges related to the Sunday morning shooting deaths of his daughter-in-law's parents in their home in Southeast Fresno, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has announced.

The Complaint alleges that the defendant committed the crimes of:

- 1.) Murder with the Personal and Intentional Discharge of a Firearm Causing the Death of Ravinder Singh [P.C. § 187(a) & 12022.53(d)];
- 2.) Murder with the Personal and Intentional Discharge of a Firearm Causing the Death of Rajbir Kaur [P.C. § 187(a) & 12022.53(d)]; and
- 3.) Criminal Threats with the Use of a Firearm to Jaideep Kaur [P.C. § 422 & 12022.3(a)].

The murder charges also include the special circumstance pursuant to Penal Code section 190.2 that the defendant committed multiple murders [P.C. § 190.2(a)(3)].

If convicted of the charges, Mr. Dhanjan faces a potential sentence of either Death or Life in Prison. The District Attorney's Office is currently conducting a necessary investigation, and will make a determination and announcement regarding the death penalty at a later date.

Mr. Dhanjan is currently in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He is expected to be in Department 31 of the Fresno County Superior Court for his Arraignment on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.

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