



## COUNTY OF FRESNO

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### NEWS RELEASE

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## **GROSS VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER WHILE INTOXICATED AND RELATED CHARGES FILED AGAINST SILVIA GONZALES FOR WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON'S DEATHS IN RURAL FRESNO COUNTY**

Silvia Maria Gonzales (42, of Tranquility) has been charged in a Felony Complaint with two counts of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, as well as other related charges, in connection to Wednesday afternoon's deaths of another driver and an infant, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has announced. It is alleged that the defendant was driving a vehicle under the influence of a drug and caused a collision resulting in the deaths of two individuals near the City of San Joaquin in rural Fresno County.

The Complaint alleges that Ms. Gonzales committed the crimes of:

- 1.) Two Counts of Gross Vehicular Manslaughter While Intoxicated [P.C. § 191.5(a)];
- 2.) Driving Under the Influence of a Drug [V.C. § 23153(f)]; and
- 3.) Possession of Marijuana While Driving [V.C. § 23222(b)].

The complaint contains additional allegations that the defendant personally inflicted great bodily injury, that the defendant caused bodily injury to more than one victim, and that the defendant used a deadly and dangerous weapon during the offense (vehicle).

If convicted of the charges, Ms. Gonzales faces a sentence of up to thirteen (13) years in custody.

Ms. Gonzales is expected to be arraigned in Department 31 of the Fresno County Superior Court on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.

The case is being prosecuted by the Office's DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit.

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