



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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Fresno County District Attorney's Office Charges James Mitchell Anderson with Gross Vehicular Manslaughter for Driving While Intoxicated in Collision that Killed Nineteen-Year-Old Man

Today, April 28, 2020, James Mitchell Anderson (26, of Fresno) has been charged in a felony complaint with gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and driving under the influence causing injury. The charges are related to the April 25, 2020 collision that killed a nineteen-year-old man at the intersection of Chestnut and Nees in the City of Fresno.

It is alleged that on April 25, 2020, at around 3:00 p.m., Anderson was driving his pickup truck eastbound on Nees Avenue approaching the intersection with Chestnut Avenue. While approaching the intersection, the light for eastbound traffic was red, and Anderson proceeded through the intersection and broadsided a sedan traveling southbound through the intersection. The nineteen-year-old passenger of that sedan was killed in the collision, and the seventeen-year-old driver was also injured. Following investigation by members of the Fresno Police Department, it was determined that Anderson was driving under the influence of a combination of drugs and alcohol at the time of the collision.

The complaint alleges that Anderson committed the crimes of:

1. Gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated [PC 191.5(a)];
2. Driving under the combined influence of alcohol and a drug [VC 23153(g)]; and
3. Failure to stop at a red light [VC 21453(a)].

It is further alleged that Anderson has a prior strike conviction for assault with a firearm upon a peace officer from 2013.

If convicted of the charges and allegations in this case, Anderson faces a sentence of up to twenty-seven (27) years and four (4) months in state prison.

Anderson was arrested on April 25, 2020 by Officers of the Fresno Police Department. He remains in custody and is scheduled to be arraigned in the Fresno County Superior Court on April 29, 2020.

The media may email FCDAMedia@fresnocountyca.gov with any questions.

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