



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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Murder Charges Filed Against Jimmy Keonhothy for Driving Under the Influence in a Collision that Seriously Injured a Pregnant Woman and Killed Her Unborn Child

Jimmy Keonhothy (22, of Fresno) has been charged in a felony complaint with crimes including murder, evading causing serious bodily injury, driving under the influence causing great bodily injury, reckless driving causing brain injury, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving without a license, and failure to stop at a stop sign. The charges are related to a vehicle pursuit and collision which occurred in the afternoon on August 26, 2020.

It is alleged that defendant, in evading law enforcement, drove through the stop sign at the intersection of North Bond Street and East Olive Avenue and collided with another vehicle driven by a pregnant female, pinning her inside her vehicle. As a result of that collision, the pregnant female was seriously injured and her unborn child lost its life. Following an investigation by the Fresno Police Department, it was determined that the Defendant was under the influence of methamphetamine.

The complaint alleges that the defendant committed the crimes of:

1. Murder [PC 187(a)];
2. Evading causing serious bodily injury [VC 2800.3(a)];
3. Driving under the influence causing great bodily injury [VC 23153(f)/PC 12022.7(a)];
4. Reckless driving causing brain injury [VC 23105(b)(7)];
5. Possession of drug paraphernalia [H&S 11364(a)];
6. Driving without a license [VC 12500(a)];
7. Failure to stop at a stop sign [VC 22450(a)];

It is further alleged that the defendant has six prior adult felony convictions, which make him presumptively ineligible for probation.

If convicted of the charges and allegations, the defendant faces a sentence of up to 16 years and 8 months to life in prison.

He remains in custody and his arraignment is scheduled for September 1, 2020.

The case is currently being prosecuted by the Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driver Vertical Prosecution Program. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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

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