



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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Fresno County District Attorney's Office Files Driving Under the Influence Charges against Kingsburg City Councilmember Jewel Hurtado

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has charged Kingsburg City Councilmember Jewel Hurtado with driving a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol level of .08 percent or higher, driving under the influence of alcohol, and speeding.

It is alleged that on June 21, 2021, at around 1:30 a.m., Hurtado was stopped by the California Highway Patrol for exceeding the speed limit. During the stop, officers noticed Hurtado to be exhibiting objective symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol. Hurtado was then arrested and cited to appear in the Fresno County Superior Court on October 15, 2021 to face driving under the influence charges.

The misdemeanor complaint alleges Hurtado committed the following offenses:

1. MISDEMEANOR DRIVING WITH A 08% OR HIGHER BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL [Vehicle Code section 23152(b)]
2. MISDEMEANOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL [Vehicle Code section 23152(a)]
3. SPEEDING GREATER THAN 65 MPH [Vehicle Code section 22349(a)].

If convicted of all charges and allegations, Hurtado faces a maximum sentence of up to 6 months in jail.

Hurtado is currently scheduled to be arraigned in the Fresno County Superior Court on October 15, 2021.

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