



## COUNTY OF FRESNO

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### NEWS RELEASE

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## **Rolando Alvarenga-Aguilar Charged with Murder in Connection with October 9th DUI Collision**

Rolando Enrique Alvarenga-Aguilar (45, of Fresno) has been charged in a felony complaint with crimes including murder, gross vehicular manslaughter while impaired, driving under the influence of alcohol causing great bodily injury, hit and run causing injury, driving on a suspended license due to a prior DUI conviction, and driving with alcohol in his system while on DUI probation. The charges are related to a vehicle collision which occurred in a parking lot near the intersection of Maple and Belmont on October 9, 2021.

It is alleged that during that collision, the defendant pulled into a parking lot, lost control of his vehicle, and hit two individuals who were patrons at a taco truck. One of those individuals was a 60-year-old male who later succumbed to his injuries at the hospital on October 18, 2021.

Following an investigation by the Fresno Police Department, the defendant was located in a nearby neighborhood and found to be under the influence of alcohol.

The complaint alleges that the defendant committed the crimes of:

1. Murder [PC 187(a)];
2. Gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated [PC 191.5(a)];
3. Driving with a blood alcohol concentration in excess of .08% causing great bodily injury [VC 23152(b)/ PC 12022.7(a)];
4. Driving under the influence of alcohol causing great bodily injury [VC 23153(a)/PC 12022.7(a)];
5. Hit and run following an injury collision [VC 20001(a)];
6. Hit and run following a collision causing property damage [VC 20002(a)];
7. Driving on a license suspended from a prior DUI conviction and causing injury [VC 14601.4(a)]; and,
8. Driving with a blood alcohol concentration of .01% or higher while on DUI probation.

It is further alleged that the defendant has been convicted of prior driving under the influence offenses which occurred in 2018 and 2019. The defendant is also currently pending charges in an additional case for driving under the influence for a violation that occurred in 2019.

If convicted of the charges and allegations, the defendant faces a sentence of up to 19 years to life in prison.

The defendant was arrested in the evening hours of October 9, 2021 by officers of the Fresno Police Department. He remains in custody and has been remanded with bail set at \$1.6 million.

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](mailto:FCDAMedia@fresnocountyca.gov) with questions.

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