



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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Charges Filed Against Carlos Castanos, Jr. in Connection with Stabbing of Fresno Police Department K9 Argo

Carlos Adrian Castanos, Jr. (30, of Fresno) has been charged in a felony complaint in connection with a series of domestic violence incidents taking place on March 6, 2021 and April 10, 2021. Additionally, Castanos is facing charges related to stabbing and seriously injuring Fresno Police Department K9 Argo while Argo assisted other officers in Castanos' arrest.

In addition to facing domestic violence charges related to his conduct on March 6, 2021, it is alleged that on April 10, 2021, Fresno Police Department officers were dispatched to a domestic violence report involving Castanos. Fresno PD officers proceeded to the location along with Fresno PD K9 Argo. As officers arrived, Castanos attempted to flee through the backyard of the residence. As K9 Argo attempted to detain Castanos, Castanos stabbed Argo with a box cutter ten times, inflicting wounds to Argo's left eye, front leg, and back. Despite the attack, Argo was able to maintain his hold on Castanos which helped Fresno PD officers effectuate Castanos' arrest.

Argo was rushed to a local animal hospital where he was treated for his injuries. Argo is expected to fully recover.

The complaint alleges that Castanos committed the crimes of:

1. Corporal Injury to Spouse, Cohabitant, Fiancée or Child's Parent with a Prior Conviction for Domestic Violence on March 6, 2021 [PC 273.5(f)(1)];
2. Corporal Injury to Spouse, Cohabitant, Fiancée or Child's Parent with a Prior Conviction for Domestic Violence on March 6, 2021 [PC 273.5(f)(1)];
3. Petty Theft on March 6, 2021 [PC 484(a)];
4. False Imprisonment by Violence on April 10, 2021 [PC 236];
5. Serious Injury to Horse or Dog Used by Peace Officer on April 10, 2021 [PC 600(a)];
6. Assault Upon a Peace Officer on April 10, 2021 [PC 245(c)];
7. Resisting an Executive Officer on April 10, 2021 [PC 69];

Further, Castanos is alleged to have suffered a prior conviction for Domestic Violence on November 6, 2017 and a prior conviction for a Serious or Violent Felony ("Strike"), a Second-degree Robbery, on June 20, 2014.

At the time of his arrest, Castanos was also pending charges for Second-degree Burglary and Evading a Peace Officer in Fresno Superior Court cases F20908281 and F20906774.

These cases are currently being prosecuted by the District Attorney's Domestic Violence Unit and the Felony Trial Team.

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

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