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**Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**COUNTY OF FRESNO**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Fresno Couple Charged in Death of Eight-Year-Old Child**

Today, April 22, 2021, Patrick Eugene Johnson (49, of Fresno) and Chrystal Latynia Johnson (48, of Fresno) have been charged in connection with the death of an eight-year-old boy in their care, the District Attorney's Office has announced.

The incident was uncovered at approximately 4:00 AM on Saturday, April 17, 2021, when Fresno Police Department officers and emergency workers responded to a home on the 4600 block of East Belgravia in Fresno. At the location, first responders found the child to be unresponsive and paramedics were unable to revive the eight-year-old victim.

Following an investigation by Fresno Police Department homicide detectives and an examination by the Fresno County Coroner's Office, a determination was made that the boy died from severe blunt force trauma.

The criminal complaint alleges that Patrick Eugene Johnson committed the following crimes:

1. Murder [PC §187(a)];
2. Child Abuse [PC § 273a(a)] with infliction of Great Bodily Injury [PC 2022.7(a)];
3. Corporal Injury to a Child [PC 273d(a)];
4. Dissuading a Witness by Force or Threat [PC 136.1(c)(1)]

The criminal complaint further alleges that Crystal Latynia Johnson committed the following crimes:

1. Child Abuse [PC § 273a(a)] with infliction of Great Bodily Injury [PC 12022.7(a)];
2. Corporal Injury to a Child [PC 273d(a)]

If convicted of all charges and allegations, Patrick Eugene Johnson faces a sentence of just over 15 years to life in state prison. Crystal Latynia Johnson faces a sentence of up to 9 years in the state prison.

Patrick Eugene Johnson is scheduled to be arraigned on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Department 34 of the Fresno County Superior Court. Crystal Johnson is scheduled to be arraigned on June 24<sup>th</sup>, also in Department 34 of the Fresno County Superior Court.

The District Attorney's Office would like to remind the public that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and encourages Fresno County residents to be vigilant and to report instances of suspected child abuse.

The media may email [FCDAMedia@fresnocountyca.gov](mailto:FCDAMedia@fresnocountyca.gov) with any questions.

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