



## COUNTY OF FRESNO

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### NEWS RELEASE

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## **Filimon Robert Hurtado Charged in the Double Murder of His 1-Year-Old Niece and 5-Month-Old Nephew**

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed charges against Filimon Robert Hurtado (29, of Fresno) for the murder of his 1-year-old niece, Cataleya Hurtado, and his 5-month-old nephew, Calyx Hurtado, as well as the attempted murder of their mother, Claudia Ruiz Marin. He has also been charged with arson.

It is alleged that on or about May 3, 2022, Hurtado intentionally started a fire that ultimately took the lives of his niece and nephew. The children's mother, Claudia Ruiz Marin, remains in critical condition at Community Regional Medical Center.

The Felony Complaint filed in the Superior Court alleges that Filimon Robert Hurtado committed:

- Two (2) Counts of MURDER [Penal Code §187(a)]
- The Special Circumstance of MULTIPLE MURDERS [Penal Code §190.2(a)(3)]
- The Special Circumstance of FELONY MURDER – ARSON [Penal Code §190.2(a)(17)]
- One (1) Count of ARSON CAUSING GREAT BODILY INJURY [Penal Code §451(a)]

If convicted of all charges and allegations, Hurtado faces a potential death sentence or life in prison without the possibility of parole. The District Attorney's Office is currently conducting the necessary analysis on whether to seek the death penalty and will make an announcement on that decision at a later date.

Filimon Hurtado was arrested on May 3, 2022, and remains at Community Regional Medical Center. Hurtado's arraignment is scheduled for May 6, 2022, at 8:30 AM in Department 34 of the Fresno County Superior Court.

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