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DA Smittcamp Announces Murder Charge Filed Against Alleged Drug Dealer Who Sold Fentanyl-Laced Drugs to Victim

At a news conference today, District Attorney Lisa Smittcamp announced that her office has filed charges against Cassidy Marie Gonzalez (21, of Fresno) and Alejandro Valverde-Nuno (25, of Fresno) for their alleged involvement in the fentanyl poisoning of 41-year-old Jade Alexandra Dreith of Fresno that resulted in her death.

It is alleged that on January 15th, 2022, Gonzalez sold the fentanyl-laced pills that killed Jade Dreith. Dreith was found deceased on January 17th, 2022, by the Fresno Police Department after a welfare check was requested by the family.

The Felony Complaint filed in the Superior Court alleges that Cassidy Gonzalez committed:

- One (1) Count of MURDER [Penal Code §187(a)]
- One (1) Count of POSSESSION FOR SALE OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE [Health & Safety Code §11351]
- Two (2) Counts of SALE OR OFFER TO SELL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE [Health & Safety Code §11352]

The Felony Complaint filed in the Superior Court alleges that Alejandro Valverde-Nuno committed:

- One (1) Count of ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT [Penal Code §32]
- One (1) Count of POSSESSION FOR SALE OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE [Health & Safety Code §11351]
- Two (2) Counts of SALE OR OFFER TO SELL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE [Health & Safety Code §11352]

If convicted of all charges and allegations, Cassidy Gonzalez faces a sentence of up to 25 years to life in state prison. Alejandro Valverde-Nuno faces a sentence of 8 years in state prison.

The defendants were arrested on October 13th, 2022, and thereafter booked into the Fresno County Jail. The arraignment was scheduled for today, October 18th, 2022, however, it was continued until November 1st, 2022, at 8:30 AM in Department 31 of the Fresno County Superior Court.

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