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### **PLEASANT VALLEY INMATE CHARGED WITH THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF PAUL RUBEN FLORES**

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed charges against Jason Richard Budrow (43, currently housed at Pleasant Valley State Prison (PVSP) in Coalinga), for the attempted murder of fellow inmate Paul Ruben Flores.

It is alleged that on August 23, 2023, at approximately 10:00 a.m., that Budrow, armed with a manufactured weapon, assaulted Flores. Budrow slashed inmate Flores' neck with the weapon, causing great bodily injury. Correctional officers immediately secured the yard and prison medical staff began treating the wound. Inmate Flores was subsequently air lifted to Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno for further treatment.

The Felony Complaint filed in the Superior Court alleges that Jason Richard Budrow committed:

- One (1) Count of ATTEMPTED MURDER [Penal Code § 664/187(a)];
  - One (1) Enhancement for USE OF DEADLY WEAPON [Penal Code § 12022(b)(1)];
  - One (1) Enhancement for GREAT BODILY INJURY [Penal Code § 12022.7(a)];
- One (1) Count of ASSAULT BY AN INMATE SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE [Penal Code § 4500];
  - One (1) Enhancement for GREAT BODILY INJURY [Penal Code § 12022.7(a)];
- One (1) Count of ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON BY AN INMATE [Penal Code § 4501(a)];
  - One (1) Enhancement for GREAT BODILY INJURY [Penal Code § 12022.7(a)];
- One (1) Count of POSSESSION OF AN INMATE MANUFACTURED WEAPON [Penal Code § 4502 (a)];

Budrow is also alleged to have suffered three prior serious or violent felony convictions (Prior Strikes) [Penal Code § 667(b)-(i)].

- Penal Code § 289(a)(1) convicted on 1/22/04 in Riverside County
- Penal Code § 187(a) convicted on 6/29/11 in Riverside County
- Penal Code § 187(a) convicted on 4/8/22 in Amador County

Budrow has also been charged with an enhancement pursuant to Penal Code § 667(a)(1) for his Penal Code § 187 conviction on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Amador County.

If convicted of all charges and allegations, Budrow faces 27 years-to-life, plus a 9-year determinate sentence for the enhancements.

Budrow is an inmate serving two life sentences without the possibility of parole (LWOP). Budrow, according to media reports, is serving life without parole for the 2010 murder by strangulation of his ex-girlfriend. He is also serving his second life without parole sentence for killing his cellmate, Roger Kibbe (the I-5 Strangler) by strangulation in February 2021. Budrow was also convicted of sexually assaulting a female minor in 2004.

The arraignment for the defendant is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024, at 8:30 AM in Department 34 of the Fresno County Superior Court.

**NOTE:** *A January date for arraignment is selected in order to provide sufficient time for the issuance of a transportation order.*

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