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Murder Charges Filed Against Repeat Impaired Driver for Crash While Fleeing from Traffic Stop in Fresno

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed charges against Andrew Calderon (40, of Fresno) for the high-speed crash which occurred on Shields Avenue at the intersection with Fresno Street during the late-night hours of February 10, 2023. The crash resulted in the death of another involved motorist. The victim was a 29-year-old male from Fresno.

It is alleged that leading up to the crash, Calderon was stopped by Officers of the Fresno Police Department for minor vehicle code violations. After being stopped for several minutes at the routine traffic stop, Calderon accelerated quickly away from the scene at a high rate of speed. The Officers followed Calderon briefly but terminated the pursuit based upon public safety concerns. Calderon continued away at a high rate of speed through a red light and crashed into the victim's vehicle, killing its only occupant.

Following an investigation by the Fresno Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Bureau, it was determined that Calderon was driving under the combined influence of alcohol and methamphetamine.

Calderon is alleged to have three prior convictions for DUI-related offenses stemming from incidents in 2001, 2010, and 2013. He was also on parole for a "strike" offense at the time of the crash.

The criminal complaint alleges that Calderon committed the crimes of:

- One (1) Count of MURDER [Penal Code §187]
- One (1) Count of GROSS VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER WHILE INTOXICATED WITH PRIOR CONVICTIONS FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE [Penal Code §191.5(d)];
- One (1) Count of DRIVING UNDER THE COMBINED INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND A DRUG CAUSING GREAT BODILY INJURY [Vehicle Code §23153(g)]; and,
- One (1) Count of EVADING CAUSING DEATH [Vehicle Code §2800.3(b)].

If convicted of the charges and allegations, Calderon faces a sentence of 35 years to life in prison. Calderon was taken into custody by the Fresno Police Department, where he remains. The arraignment for Calderon is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 32 of the Fresno Superior Court.

The case is currently being prosecuted by the Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driver Vertical Prosecution Program. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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