



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY FILES SEXUAL ASSAULT CHARGES AGAINST FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHER DARREN KLASSEN

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed criminal charges against Fresno Unified School District teacher Darren Klassen relating to a relationship he had with one of his former students. Mr. Klassen is also an instructor at Fresno City College and the Madera Center.

Darren Klassen has been charged with thirty-seven (37) felony counts, including charges of lewd act upon a child [Penal Code section 288(c)(1)], unlawful sexual intercourse [Penal Code section 261.5(c)], oral copulation of a person under the age of 18 [Penal Code section 288a(b)(1)], and unlawful sexual penetration of a victim under age [Penal Code section 289(h)].

The defendant was arrested on September 24, 2015. He was released from the Fresno County Jail after posting bond.

He is scheduled for Arraignment in Department 30 of the Fresno County Superior Court on Friday, October 9, 2015.

The Media may contact Administrative Secretary Geri Benavides at (559) 600-4441 with any questions.

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