



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY FILES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGE AGAINST ANTHONY SIMPSON FOR COURTHOUSE PARK SHOOTING

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed domestic violence related criminal charges against Anthony Simpson (53, of Fresno) for the Courthouse Park shooting of his estranged girlfriend's new boyfriend on July 1st in Downtown Fresno.

Anthony Simpson has been charged with attempted murder, assault with a semiautomatic firearm, and assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury related to the shooting last Friday. It is also alleged that the defendant discharged a handgun causing great bodily injury during the commission of those crimes.

Mr. Simpson is also charged with stalking, corporal injury to a spouse or cohabitant, and battery, all related to his conduct on May 30th and June 1st of this year.

Mr. Simpson is also alleged to have previously been convicted of three (3) prior strike offenses for robbery, residential burglary, and corporal injury to a spouse which caused great bodily injury.

Mr. Simpson is currently in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He faces a potential sentence of life in prison if convicted. He is scheduled for Arraignment in Department 95 of the Fresno County Superior Court on Thursday, July 7, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

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

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