



## COUNTY OF FRESNO

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### NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 17, 2018

## MURDER AND RELATED CHARGES FILED AGAINST CRUZ HINOJOSA FOR TOWER DISTRICT KILLINGS

Cruz Hinojosa (27, of Fresno) has been charged in a Felony Complaint for the Saturday night killings in the Tower District of Fresno that claimed the lives of Pisa Xayapheth and Jesse Hernandez, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has announced.

The Complaint alleges that the defendant committed the felony crimes of:

- 1.) Murder of Pisa Xayapheth with the Use of a Gun [P.C. § 187(a) & 12022.53(d)];
- 2.) Murder of Jesse Hernandez with the Use of a Gun [P.C. § 187(a) & 12022.53(d)]; and
- 3.) Attempted Murder of Kristina Widener with the Use of a Gun [P.C. § 664/187(a) & 12022.53(c)].

If convicted of the charges, Mr. Hinojosa faces a sentence of up to life in prison. However, after serving 25 years, Mr. Hinojosa will be eligible for release under the Elderly Parole Program.

Mr. Hinojosa is currently in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He is scheduled to be arraigned in Department 34 of the Fresno County Superior Court on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.

The Media may email [FCDAMedia@co.fresno.ca.us](mailto:FCDAMedia@co.fresno.ca.us) or contact Administrative Assistant Leslie Gillespie at (559) 600-4442 with questions.

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[2018H18060]

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF FRESNO  
CENTRAL DIVISION

FILED

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA,

Plaintiff

vs.

Cruz Pedro Hinojosa  
aka Cruz Hinojosa

Defendant(s)

COMPLAINT - CRIMINAL

FELONY COMPLAINT

COURT CASE NO. F18904746

SEARCH WARRANT NO. IC CIF

DA FILE NO. 2018H18060

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FRESNO COUNTY  
SUPERIOR COURT

\$4,250,000

Agency: Fresno Police Department

Agency Report Number: 18-46742

Defendant  
Cruz Pedro Hinojosa

Birth Date  
09/12/1990

JID  
7038265

Booking No.  
1827088

Personally appeared before me, who first being duly sworn, complains and alleges:

COUNT 1

On or about July 14, 2018, in the above named judicial district, the crime of MURDER, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 187(a), a felony, was committed by Cruz Pedro Hinojosa, who did unlawfully, and with malice aforethought murder Pisa Xayapheth, a human being.

"NOTICE: Conviction of this offense as a felony will require you to provide two specimens of blood, a saliva sample, right thumbprints, and a full palm print impression of each hand pursuant to Penal Code section 296."

It is further alleged that said defendant Cruz Pedro Hinojosa personally and intentionally discharged a firearm which proximately caused great bodily injury or death to Pisa Xayapheth within the meaning of Penal Code section 12022.53(d).

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COUNT 2

On or about July 14, 2018, in the above named judicial district, the crime of MURDER, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 187(a), a felony, was committed by Cruz Pedro Hinojosa, who did unlawfully, and with malice aforethought murder Jesse Hernandez III, a human being.

"NOTICE: Conviction of this offense as a felony will require you to provide two specimens of blood, a saliva sample, right thumbprints, and a full palm print impression of each hand pursuant to Penal Code section 296."

It is further alleged that said defendant Cruz Pedro Hinojosa personally and intentionally discharged a firearm which proximately caused great bodily injury or death to Jesse Hernandez III within the meaning of Penal Code section 12022.53(d).

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COUNT 3

On or about July 14, 2018, in the above named judicial district, the crime of ATTEMPTED MURDER, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 664/187(a), a felony, was committed by Cruz Pedro Hinojosa, who did unlawfully, and with malice aforethought attempt to murder Kristina Widener, a human being.

"NOTICE: Conviction of this offense as a felony will require you to provide two specimens of blood, a saliva sample, right thumbprints, and a full palm print impression of each hand pursuant to Penal Code section 296."

It is further alleged that said defendant Cruz Pedro Hinojosa personally and intentionally discharged a firearm within the meaning of Penal Code section 12022.53(c).

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All of which is contrary to the form, force, and effect of the Statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the people of the State of California.

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Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1054.5(b), the People are hereby informally requesting that defense counsel provide discovery to the People as required by Penal Code Section 1054.3.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

DATE: 7/17/18

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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COMPLAINANT

DEPUTY CLERK \_\_\_\_\_

