



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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MURDER CHARGE FILED AGAINST MICHAEL LEYVA FOR AUGUST KILLING

Michael Anthony Leyva (46, of Fresno) has been charged in a Felony Complaint with murder for the August 19th stabbing death of Miguel Garcia, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has announced.

The Complaint alleges that the defendant committed the felony crimes of Murder [P.C. § 187(a)]. The charges also include an allegation that the defendant used a knife in the commission of the crime, and that he was previously convicted of the prior "strike" offense of Manslaughter in 1991.

If convicted of the charges, Mr. Leyva faces a sentence of up to Life in Prison. However, upon reaching age 60 and after serving 25 years, the defendant will be eligible for release under the Elderly Parole Program.

Mr. Leyva is currently in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He is expected to be in Department 31 of the Fresno County Superior Court for his Arraignment on Thursday, September 6, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.

The Media may email FCDAMedia@fresnocountyca.gov or contact Administrative Assistant Leslie Gillespie at (559) 600-4442 with questions.

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