



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Attempted Murder and Associated Charges Filed Against Michael Congdon Related to Tuesday's Officer Involved Shooting Near Tollhouse**

Michael James Congdon (57, of Clovis) has been charged in a Felony Complaint with the Attempted Murder of a Fresno County Sheriff's Deputy, as well as other associated charges, after firing multiple rounds from a semiautomatic rifle at Deputy John Erickson and a civilian ride-along on an isolated road near Tollhouse on Tuesday morning, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has announced.

The Complaint, filed in Fresno County Superior Court today, alleges the felony crimes of:

- 1.) Attempted Willful, Deliberate, Premeditated Murder of Deputy Erickson with the Use of a Firearm Causing Great Bodily Injury to Deputy Erickson [P.C. § 664/187(a) & § 12022.53(d)];
- 2.) Attempted Willful, Deliberate, Premeditated Murder of the civilian ride-along with the Use of a Firearm Causing Great Bodily Injury to Deputy Erickson [P.C. § 664/187(a) & § 12022.53(d)];
- 3.) Shooting at an Occupied Motor Vehicle Causing Great Bodily Injury [P.C. § 246 & § 12022.7(a)];
- 4.) Assault on a Peace Officer with a Semiautomatic Firearm causing Great Bodily Injury [P.C. § 245(d)(2), § 12022.5(a), & § 12022.7(a)]; and
- 5.) Cruelty to an Animal [P.C. § 597(a)].

If convicted of the charges and special allegations, Congdon faces a sentence of over 64 years to life in custody. However, upon reaching age 60 and after serving 25 years, Congdon will be eligible for release under the Elderly Parole Program.

Congdon was arrested on Tuesday afternoon and remains in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He is scheduled to appear for his Arraignment on Monday, July 8, at 8:30 a.m., in Department 32 of the Fresno County Superior Court.

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