



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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Martin Chavez Jr. Charged in Valentine's Day Robbery of Street Vendor

Today, February 18, 2022, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office filed four (4) counts of second-degree robbery against Martin Chavez Jr. (21, of Fresno) stemming from a brazen Valentine's Day robbery of a street vendor in southeast Fresno.

Because the robbery was captured on video and widely publicized by news outlets and on social media, members of the Fresno Police Department were provided with numerous tips from the community and were able to quickly identify Chavez as the perpetrator. Chavez was arrested and booked into the Fresno County Jail on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

Chavez has now been charged in a felony complaint alleging that he committed the following offenses:

1. Four (4) counts of SECOND-DEGREE ROBBERY (Penal Code section 211)

Additionally, the complaint alleges that Chavez has suffered a prior serious felony ("strike") conviction within the meaning of Penal Code section 667(b) through (i) and 1170.12(a) through (d).

The complaint also alleges circumstances in aggravation pursuant to California Rules of Court 4.421(b)(1) through (b)(3), alleging that Chavez has engaged in violent conduct, has prior convictions that are numerous or of increasing seriousness, and that he's served a prior prison term under Penal Code section 1170(h).

If convicted of all charges and allegations, Chavez faces up to 16 years in state prison.

Chavez is scheduled to be arraigned in the Fresno County Superior Court on February 22, 2022.

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