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Repeat Impaired Driver Facing Murder Charge for Wrong-Way Fatal Crash

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed charges against Ryan Mathew Wayne Trevino (35, of Fresno) for his role in a fatal traffic crash that occurred in the afternoon hours on January 13, 2024. While driving his Chevy Silverado southbound on Millerton Road near Marina Drive, Trevino drove into the oncoming lane of traffic and crashed into a vehicle driven by John Tarter (78, of Fresno). Tarter was killed as a result of the crash.

Following an investigation conducted by the California Highway Patrol and toxicology testing it revealed that Trevino was driving under the combined influence of alcohol and marijuana at the time of the crash.

The Felony Complaint filed in the Superior Court alleges that Ryan Trevino committed:

- One (1) Count of MURDER [Penal Code § 187];
- One (1) Count of DRIVING UNDER THE COMBINED INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND A DRUG CAUSING GREAT BODILY INJURY TO A PERSON OVER 70 [Vehicle Code § 23153(g)/ Penal Code § 12022.7(c)]; and,
- One (1) Count of DRIVING WITH A BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION OVER .08% CAUSING GREAT BODILY INJURY TO A PERSON OVER 70 [Vehicle Code § 23153(b)/ Penal Code § 12022.7(c)]

Trevino has been previously convicted of driving under the influence offenses in 2007 and 2019 and is pending charges for another instance of driving under the influence that occurred in October of 2023. If convicted of the charges and allegations in this case, Trevino faces a sentence of 15 years to life in prison.

Trevino was arrested by Officers of the California Highway Patrol and remains in custody. He is scheduled to be arraigned on January 17, 2024, in Department 30 of the Fresno Superior Court.

The case is being prosecuted by the Alcohol and Drug Impaired Driver Vertical Prosecution Program. Funding for the program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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