**COUNTY OF FRESNO** 

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## DISTRICT ATTORNEY FILES SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES MURDER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGES AGAINST KORI MUHAMMAD

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed a Criminal Complaint against Kori Ali Muhammad (39, of Fresno) for the shooting spree on April 18, 2017, that that killed three (3) individuals near downtown Fresno.

Mr. Muhammad is alleged to have opened fire at a Pacific Gas & Electric truck, killing Zackary Randalls. Mr. Muhammad then walked away, firing his handgun at four more individuals, as well as a motor vehicle. Mark Gassett and David Jackson were killed by the gunfire.

The Complaint charges Mr. Muhammad with eight (8) felony counts, including:

- 1.) Murder of Zackary Randalls [Penal Code § 187(a)];
- 2.) Murder of Mark Gassett [Penal Code § 187(a)];
- 3.) Murder of David Jackson [Penal Code § 187(a)];
- 4.) Attempted Murder of Stephen Walter [Penal Code § 664/187(a)];
- 5.) Shooting at an Occupied Motor Vehicle [Penal Code § 246];
- 6.) Attempted Murder of Michael Flores [Penal Code § 664/187(a)];
- 7.) Attempted Murder of Mark Greer [Penal Code § 664/187(a)]; and
- 8.) Possession of Firearm by a Felon [Penal Code § 29800(a)(1)].

The murder counts also include two (2) special circumstances Pursuant to Penal Code section 190.2 that allege:

- 1. The victims were killed by Mr. Muhammad because of their race [Penal Code § 190.2(a)(16)]; and
- 2. Mr. Muhammad committed multiple murders [Penal Code § 190.2(a)(3)].

The complaint also contains allegations that the defendant personally used a firearm in the commission of those crimes.

If convicted of the charges, Mr. Muhammad faces a sentence of either Death or Life in Prison. The District Attorney's Office is currently conducting a necessary investigation, and will make a determination and announcement regarding the death penalty at a later date.

The defendant was arrested near the location of the incidents immediately after they occurred and was booked into the Fresno County Jail, where he remains in custody. He is scheduled for arraignment on this Complaint in Department 30 of the Fresno County Superior Court on Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Muhammad is also in custody on another charge of Murder that is alleged to have occurred in the City of Fresno on April 13, 2017.

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