



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY FILES CHILD PORN CHARGES AGAINST COALINGA STATE HOSPITAL PATIENT AND FORMER STAFF MEMBER

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed multiple felony complaints against Kevin John Chavez (38, of Coalinga) and Kory Glynn Cooper (29, of Coalinga) for the possession of Child Pornography and Cell Phones at Coalinga State Hospital.

Kevin Chavez, a patient at Coalinga State Hospital, is charged in four (4) separate cases with felony Possession of Child Pornography [P.C. 311.11(b)], as well as four counts of Illegal Possession of a Cell Phone within Coalinga State Hospital Grounds [P.C. 4575(a)]. The charges arise from incidents occurring from January 2012 to April of 2015.

Kory Cooper, a former staff member at Coalinga State Hospital, is charged with one felony count of Possession of Child Pornography [P.C. 311.11(a)], as well as one count of Possession of a Cell Phone with the Intent to Deliver the Cell Phone to a Patient at Coalinga State Hospital (P.C. 4576(a)). These charges arise out of incidents occurring in April of 2015.

Both defendants were arrested today on the charges, and both will be scheduled for arraignment on the charges in Fresno County Superior Court later this week.

Investigating and arresting units included the Coalinga State Hospital Police, the Fresno County Sheriff's Department, and the Central California Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce.

The cases will be prosecuted by the Fresno County District Attorney's Prison Crimes Unit.

The Media may email FCDAMedia@co.fresno.ca.us or contact Administrative Assistant Leslie Gillespie at (559) 600-4442 with questions.

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