



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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NEWS RELEASE

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY FILES MURDER CHARGE AGAINST DAVID PENA

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed a murder charge against David Augustine Pena (49, of Fresno) for Tuesday morning's killing of Martha Gina Mendiola.

David Pena is charged in the Felony Complaint with using a knife to murder Ms. Mendiola [P.C. 187(a), P.C. 12022(b)(1)], along with a charge of First Degree Residential Burglary [P.C. 459/460(a)].

Mr. Pena is currently in custody at the Fresno County Jail. He is scheduled for Arraignment in Department 33 of the Fresno County Superior Court on Friday, December 2, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Pena faces a potential sentence of life in prison if convicted of the charges. However, upon reaching age 60 and after serving 25 years, Mr. Pena will be eligible for release under the Elderly Parole program.

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