



# COUNTY OF FRESNO

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Driver Charged in Connection with Fatal Head-On Collision While Under the Influence**

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has filed charges against Antonio De Jesus Orosco Montes-Deoca (27, of Fresno) for the head-on vehicle crash which occurred on Highway 180 near Shasta Avenue during the evening hours of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, that resulted in death of one victim and injuries to four others.

It is alleged that during that crash, Orosco Montes-Deoca was driving westbound on Highway 180 and drove across his lane of traffic and into oncoming traffic, colliding head-on with a sedan driven by Sandy Orellana-Mendoza (20, of Mendota) and containing four other female occupants with ages ranging from 14 and 21. Orellana-Mendoza was pronounced deceased at the scene of the collision and her four passengers were transported to area hospitals for treatment of substantial injuries.

Following an investigation by the California Highway Patrol, Orosco Montes-Deoca was found to be under the influence of a drug at the time of the collision.

The criminal complaint alleges that Orosco Montes-Deoca committed the crimes of:

1. Gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated [PC 191.5(a)];
2. Driving under the influence of a drug causing great bodily injury [VC 23153(f)/PC 12022.7(a)]; and,
3. Driving on the wrong side of the road [VC 21651(b)].

If convicted of the charges and allegations, the Orosco Montes-Deoca faces a sentence of up to 18 years in prison.

Orosco Montes-Deoca was arrested in the evening hours of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, by officers of the California Highway Patrol. Orosco Montes-Deoca remains in custody and is scheduled to be arraigned on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at the Fresno Superior Court.

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

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