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**PORTERVILLE WOMAN CHARGED FOR KILLING BOYFRIEND
WITH HAMMER**

District Attorney Tim Ward has announced criminal charges against Rosa Baca, age 51, for an incident on December 17, 2018, which resulted in the death of her 38-year-old boyfriend.

Baca is charged with murder and the special circumstance of torture, along with the special allegation of use of a deadly weapon. She is also charged with injuring a spouse or cohabitant with the special allegations of causing great bodily injury – domestic violence, and use of a deadly weapon. If convicted on all counts, Baca faces a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole and is eligible for the death penalty.

Baca was arraigned at the county pre-trial facility this afternoon and will return to court for a preliminary hearing conference on December 27, 2018, in Department 18 of the Tulare County Superior Court, South County Justice Center. She is being held without bail.

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