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MURDER CHARGES FILED IN SHOOTING DEATH OF DAIRYMAN

District Attorney Tim Ward has announced murder and gun charges against Jorge Rivera, age 26, in the death of a Tulare County dairyman on September 3, 2019.

Rivera is charged with first-degree murder with the special allegations of personal use of a firearm (handgun), one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm, and one count of possessing an assault weapon which was found in his vehicle.

Rivera is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon at the county pre-trial facility where a future court date will be set. If convicted of all charges, Rivera faces life in prison.

"The taking of *any* human life is unacceptable. This senseless, violent, and horrific murder not only impacts a family, but an entire community," stated District Attorney Tim Ward. "My office will be seeking the maximum sentence allowed under California law."

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