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THREE CHARGED WITH MURDER IN TULARE TODDLER DEATH

District Attorney Tim Ward has announced murder charges have been filed against Tulare residents Edward Dias, age 36, Shania Alamillo, age 23, and Adriana Alamillo, age 27, stemming from an incident reported on July 16, 2017, which resulted in the death of a two-year-old boy on July 19, 2017.

The defendants had previously been arraigned on July 18, 2017 on torture and child abuse charges relating to the two-year-old boy and a three-year-old girl. Each are now charged with murder, assault on a child causing death, two counts of conspiracy to commit the crime of torture, two counts of torture, and two counts of child abuse. Each count is a felony. Special allegations of use of a deadly weapon and causing great bodily injury to a child under 5 have also been charged.

The defendants will be arraigned on the murder charges at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility at 1:30 pm on July 21, 2017. A further court date will be set at that time.

“Heinous crimes like these are why we created the Crimes against Children Unit in 2013. A crime against a child is a crime against our community,” said District Attorney Tim Ward.

With the addition of this case, the Office of the District Attorney is currently prosecuting nine child homicide cases.

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