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Re: Murder charges filed against Louie Ricardo Perez and Daniel Animas: BF 175675 A+B

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that on February 21, 2019, new murder charges were filed against Louie Ricardo Perez and Daniel Animas. Both defendants are currently in custody pending trial on another previously filed murder case in BF 174766.

The new case, filed in Kern County Superior Court as case BF 175675 A+B, concerns events alleged to have occurred on October 4, 2018, at a residence on Lomita Drive, in Bakersfield. The bodies of the victims, Celenna Sanchez and Jessie James John were discovered at the residence on October 6, 2018.

The defendants are each charged with two counts of first-degree murder for the murders of Celenna Sanchez and Jessie James John, and each defendant is also charged with unlawful possession of a firearm. The murder charges also include special circumstances for multiple murders pursuant to Penal Code Section 190.2(a)(3).

The defendants are scheduled to be arraigned on the new charges on Friday, February 22, 2019.

The already existing case, BF 174766, is scheduled for Preliminary Hearing on March 6, 2019; that case involves the alleged murder of Victor Velasquez on December 4, 2018 at a residence on McDonald Way.