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8 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
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11 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 **JUSTIN TRAY BUCHANAN**

DOB: 07/30/1991 ID NO. D000372128

15 AKA JUSTIN TRAY BUCHANON

16 Defendant.
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COURT CASE NO. 23F-05453

AMENDED INFORMATION

DA CASE NO. 079-690895

Appearance Date: October 7, 2025

19 The District Attorney of San Luis Obispo County, California, hereby accuses the
20 above named defendant of the following criminal offenses:

21 Count 1

22 On or about July 16, 2023, in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, the crime
23 of Willful, Deliberate, And Premeditated Murder in violation of PC187(a), a Felony, was
24 committed in that JUSTIN TRAY BUCHANAN did unlawfully and with malice aforethought
25 murder Kelly Jean Buchanan, a human being. It is further alleged that the aforesaid
26 murder was committed willfully, deliberately and with premeditation within the meaning of
27 Penal Code section 189.
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1 NOTICE: The above offense is a serious felony within the meaning of Penal Code Section
2 1192.7(c)(1) and a violent felony within the meaning of Penal Code Section 667.5(c)(1).

3 Enhancement

4 PC12022(b)(1): Spec Alleg-Use Of Deadly Weapon

5 It is further alleged as to count 1 that in the commission and attempted commission of the
6 above offense, the said defendant, JUSTIN TRAY BUCHANAN, personally used a deadly
7 and dangerous weapon(s), to wit, knife, said use not being an element of the above
8 offense, within the meaning of Penal Code Section 12022(b)(1) and causing the above
9 offense to be a serious felony within the meaning of Penal Code section 1192.7(c)(23).

10 Count 2

11 On or about July 16, 2023, in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, the crime
12 of Attempted Murder in violation of PC664/PC187(a), a Felony, was committed in that
13 JUSTIN TRAY BUCHANAN did unlawfully, and with malice aforethought attempt to murder
14 William Louis Buchanan and William Louis Buchanan, a human being.

15 NOTICE: The above offense is a serious felony within the meaning of Penal Code Section
16 1192.7(c) and a violent felony within the meaning of Penal Code Section 667.5(c).

17 Enhancement

18 PC12022(b)(1): Spec Alleg-Use Of Deadly Weapon

19 It is further alleged as to count 2 that in the commission and attempted commission of the
20 above offense, the said defendant, JUSTIN TRAY BUCHANAN, personally used a deadly
21 and dangerous weapon(s), to wit, a knife, said use not being an element of the above
22 offense, within the meaning of Penal Code Section 12022(b)(1) and causing the above
23 offense to be a serious felony within the meaning of Penal Code section 1192.7(c)(23).

24 Enhancement

25 PC12022.7(a): Spec Alleg-Great Bodily Injury

26 It is further alleged as to Count 2 that in the commission of the above offense the said
27 defendant, JUSTIN TRAY BUCHANAN, personally inflicted great bodily injury upon
28 William Louis Buchanan, not an accomplice to the above offense, within the meaning of

1 Penal Code Section 12022.7(a) and also causing the above offense to become a serious
2 felony within the meaning of Penal Code Section 1192.7(c)(8).NOTICE: This offense is a
3 serious felony and a violent felony within the meaning of Penal Code sections 1192.7(c)(8)
4 and 667.5(c)(8).

5 Count 3

6 On or about July 16, 2023, in the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, the crime
7 of Assault With A Deadly Weapon in violation of PC245(a)(1), a Felony, was committed in
8 that JUSTIN TRAY BUCHANAN did willfully and unlawfully commit an assault upon Sergio
9 Rangel with a deadly weapon, to wit, a knife.

10 NOTICE: The above offense is a serious felony within the meaning of Penal Code Section
11 1192.7(c).

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13 It is further alleged pursuant to Penal Code Section 1170(b)(2) that one or more of the
14 following factors in aggravation listed in California Rule of Court 4.421 may apply to the
15 defendant(s) or to conduct of the defendant(s):

16 4.421(a)(1) The crime involved great violence, great bodily harm, threat of great bodily
17 harm, and other acts disclosing a high degree of cruelty, viciousness and callousness.

18 4.421(a)(2) The defendant was armed with or used a weapon at the time of the
19 commission of the crime.

20 4.421(b)(1) The defendant has engaged in violent conduct that indicates a serious danger
21 to society.

1 Contrary to the form, force and effect of that statute in such cases made and
2 provided and against the peace and dignity of the people of the State of California.

3 Dated: October 6, 2025

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Cnt	Charge	Range	Defendant(s)	Special Allegation	Effect
1	PC187(a) PC12022(b)(1)	25- LIFE State Prison	Justin Tray Buchanan		
2	PC664/PC187(a) (PC190.05(A)) PC12022(b)(1), PC12022.7(a)	5-7-9 State Prison	Justin Tray Buchanan		
3	PC245(a)(1)	2-3-4 State Prison	Justin Tray Buchanan		