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Re: People v. Richard Klein

On June 28, 2023, after 4 days of testimony, a Solano County Grand Jury returned an Indictment against Richard Klein for two counts of Murder (Penal Code §187), two counts of being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm (Penal Code §29800), committing Murder while released on his own recognizance, and a special circumstance for committing multiple murders.

The Indictment returned reflects charges that Defendant committed Murder on April 21, 2022, at a gathering on Manzanita Avenue in Fairfield, California. Then again, on December 15, 2022, while out of custody on murder charges, committed another murder in the city of Suisun.

Previously, the Solano County District Attorney's Office had filed a felony complaint on May 5, 2022, charging Defendant Klein with Murder (Penal Code §187) that occurred on April 21, 2022 in the city of Fairfield. Defendant Klein had also been charged with an enhancement for personally discharging a firearm during the commission of that murder. Defendant Klein had also been charged with being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

On that case, the defendant had proceeded to preliminary hearing on October 28, 2022, and was held to answer as charged. On November 14, 2022, Defendant Klein, who was being held with NO BAIL, was arraigned on the Information. During the arraignment, the Court heard the Defendant's motion to reduce bail. Over the District Attorney's strenuous objection, the defendant was released on pre-trial services.

While out of custody, on December 15, 2022, the Suisun City Police Department responded to a call of shots fired in the area of 1244 Potrero Circle. When officers arrived, they found a male on the ground in front of 1244 Potrero Circle suffering from a gunshot wound. Despite life saving measures, the man unfortunately succumbed to his injuries. The case was investigated by the Suisun City Police Department with the assistance of the Solano County Major Crimes Task Force. The Solano County District Attorney's Office filed a criminal complaint against Klein on December 23, 2022 requesting a no-bail arrest warrant.

Investigators with the Solano County Major Crimes Task Force were able to track Defendant Klein to Rosarita Beach, Mexico. The United States Marshall's Office was asked to assist in apprehending Defendant Klein. On January 11, 2023, the United States Marshall's Office arrested Defendant Klein in Rosarita Beach, Mexico.

Due to the different status of the murder cases, and in an effort to join them for trial, the People presented the evidence to a Grand Jury. Defendant is now scheduled to be arraigned on the Indictment on June 30, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 23 of the Solano County Superior Court. He is currently being held in custody without bail.