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Man Charged in the Double Deadly Collision on Highway 149

A Sacramento parolee was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court this afternoon on felony vehicular manslaughter and reckless driving charges stemming from the fiery fatal collision near the intersection of Highways 149 and 99 on August 6, 2023.

Dangelo Charles, 25, of Sacramento, was also charged with felony counts of child abuse and being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said his office is awaiting toxicology results on Charles' blood to determine if additional driving under the influence charges will also be brought.

Ramsey said Charles was driving a VW Jetta sedan south on Highway 149 just south of Highway 99 when he drove from the slow lane straight across the fast lane crossing the gravel median and striking a Ford Ranger pickup truck head on. Officers arrived and determined the two occupants of the pickup truck were deceased and proceeded to extricate Charles, his girlfriend, and her three-year-old son from the sedan.

After Charles and his passengers were taken from the sedan, a loaded semi-automatic pistol was found on his driver's seat. During the rescue effort, the truck caught fire and the fire spread to the sedan, burning both vehicles. The Butte County Sheriff's Office is still working to identify the two individuals in the truck who were burned beyond recognition and to notify their families.

All those present in Charles' car were seriously injured. The three-year-old and girlfriend are still undergoing treatment at a Sacramento hospital. Charles was also hospitalized until August 13th when he recovered enough to be arrested and transported to the Butte County Jail.

At today's arraignment, Charles was appointed a public defender and scheduled for further proceedings tomorrow. He is currently being held at \$1.5 million bail and has a parole hold from his 2018 Sacramento County armed robbery conviction. If convicted on his current charges, Charles faces up to 29 years in state prison.



Dangelo Charles