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CHARGES FILED AGAINST MAN IN CONNECTION
WITH MERCED HOMICIDE

The Merced County District Attorney's Office filed murder charges today against 50-year-old William Li of San Francisco, in connection with the murder of 30-year-old Lijun Wang, whose body was found in a dumpster in February, announced Merced County District Attorney Larry Morse II.

Wang's body was found on February 6 in a dumpster behind the Rite Aid on G Street in Merced.

According to investigators Wang came to the United States less than two years ago from China seeking a better life for herself, and instead got caught up in the human trafficking and indentured servitude trade.

"She was brutally murdered, wrapped in garbage bags and thrown in a dumpster like a piece of trash," said Chief Deputy District Attorney Rob Carroll.

Merced Police detectives linked the February murder to Li and arrested him on April 14 in San Mateo County. He was later transported to Merced and booked into Merced County Jail.

Li will be arraigned on Wednesday, April 19 at 3:00 p.m.

"The Merced Police Department, particularly Detective Jeff Horn, did an exceptional job of piecing together the evidence in this case. Det. Horn received some timely assistance from Dave Benoy, a criminal investigative analyst with our office, and that information helped lead Jeff and other detectives to the suspect in San Mateo County," Morse said.