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Convicted Rapist and Inmate Found Guilty of Battery on a Correctional Officer
People v. Johnathan Lincoln: Kern County Superior Court Case DF016561A

(Delano) - District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury trial conviction on a case in which an inmate battered a Correctional Officer. On September 12, 2023, a Kern County Jury found Johnathan Lincoln guilty of one count of battery on a correctional officer. The court later found true that Lincoln had prior convictions for forceable rape, forcible oral copulation, robbery, burglary, and grand theft from a person as well and found true two additional factors in aggravation. The case was prosecuted by Supervising Deputy District Attorney David McKillop.

On March 21, 2021, a correctional officer was escorting Lincoln, an inmate at North Kern State Prison in Delano, California, to a doctor's appointment inside the medical clinic at the prison. Inside the medical clinic, Lincoln turned and struck the escorting officer multiple times in the face and fought the officer into a treatment room, where a doctor narrowly escaped the violence. After a significant struggle, the officer involved was able to detain Lincoln using minimal force. No doctors, nurses or other staff were injured.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction; "The Kern County District Attorney's Office takes violence against peace officers very seriously and will hold those responsible who unlawfully commit crimes against peace officers."

Sentencing is scheduled for October 11, 2023, in Department 7 of the Kern County Superior Courthouse. Lincoln is currently serving a sentence of 25-years to life for forcible rape and oral copulation from a conviction in Alameda County.