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Hannah Tubbs Convicted of Manslaughter Among Other Charges; Father Convicted of Accessory
People v. Hannah Tubbs, Kern County Superior Court Case BF189960A
People v. Edward Tubbs, Kern County Superior Court Case BF195784A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant conviction today. On November 7, 2023, Hannah Tubbs (also known as James Tubbs), pled no contest to Voluntary Manslaughter for the April 21, 2019, killing of Michael Clark. In the time leading up to his killing and disappearance, Mr. Clark had been camping in Lake Isabella with Hannah Tubbs and a few others. Mr. Clark's body was found in the Kern River on August 25, 2019, near the Sandy Flat campground.

Hannah Tubbs also pled no contest to the second-degree robbery of Michael Clark and to witness intimidation by threat or force of a separate victim. Per the plea agreement, Hannah Tubbs will be sentenced to 15 years in the California Department of Corrections. Sentencing is set for December 7, 2023, in Department 1 of the Kern County Superior Court.

Hannah Tubbs had been previously convicted of two prior strike offenses. Hannah Tubbs was convicted in 2020, Kern County Case BF180301A, for an assault where the victim was stabbed multiple times. In result of the 2020 Kern County felony arrest, Hannah Tubbs' DNA was entered into the CODIS [Combined DNA Index System] database. A subsequent CODIS database hit led to Hannah Tubbs' arrest in connection with a brutal sexual assault that occurred Los Angeles County in 2014. Hannah Tubbs was 17 years old when she committed the sexual assault. The Los Angeles County District Attorney chose to not request transfer proceedings to adult court, allowing the prosecution of Hannah Tubbs as a juvenile. When contacted by Kern County investigators in 2022, Hannah Tubbs was 27 years old in juvenile custody in Los Angeles County. Kern County District Attorney Investigators transferred Hannah Tubbs to Kern County custody for the prosecution of her crime against Michael Clark.

In August of 2023, Hannah Tubbs' father, Edward Tubbs, was arrested and charged with being an accessory after the fact to the killing of Michael Clark and witness intimidation. On November 7, 2023,

Edward Tubbs pled no contest and was convicted of misdemeanor charges of witness intimidation and of being an accessory after the fact to the killing of Clark. Edward Tubbs was sentenced to 192 days in jail and one year of misdemeanor probation.

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “It is crucial to hold an individual accountable for their actions, especially those who continually commit heinous offenses against vulnerable victims. Let this be a reminder that justice will ultimately prevail, and no one can escape the consequences of their crimes.”

Hannah Tubbs:

