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Jury Returns Guilty Verdict Against Man for Assault with a Deadly Weapon
People v. Daniel Valdez Gutierrez: Kern County Superior Court Case BF194504A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced an assault with a deadly weapon conviction. On January 23, 2024, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney William Mord, a Kern County jury found Daniel Gutierrez guilty of two counts of assault with a deadly weapon, one count of vandalism, and one count of possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. The jury also found the additional allegation true that Gutierrez had been previously found guilty of a strike, along with various aggravating factors.

On April 26, 2023, at approximately 5:58 p.m., Gutierrez was at Martin Luther King Park in East Bakersfield. Gutierrez approached the first victim and demanded a drink. When the victim refused to give him a drink, Gutierrez told the victim that he knew which vehicle belonged to him. Gutierrez then pulled out a knife, approached the victim's vehicle, and stabbed both driver's side tires. The victim approached Gutierrez to attempt to stop him. Gutierrez then stated he was going to kill the victim and swung the knife at the victim multiple times. A second victim witnessed this happening and ran over to intervene. Gutierrez then swung the knife at the second victim multiple times and fled the scene.

Bakersfield Police Officers responded and detained Gutierrez. Officers found a knife and a methamphetamine pipe on his person. Both victims positively identified Gutierrez at the scene and at trial.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction; "Gutierrez's acts of violence threatened the well-being of our community and its public spaces. This conviction will enforce the safety and protection of our neighborhoods."

Sentencing is set for February 21, 2024, before the Honorable Tiffany Organ-Bowles in Department 8 of the Kern County Superior Court. Gutierrez faces up to 11 years, 4 months in prison.

Gutierrez:

