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Jury Finds Cannon Guilty of Second-Degree Felony Burglary
People v. Shelly Cannon: Kern County Superior Court Case BF192664A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a burglary conviction today. On February 15, 2024, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney John Kwak, a Kern County jury found Shelly Cannon guilty of second-degree burglary. The court also found true that Cannon had numerous prior misdemeanors and that she has a prior strike from a 2005 first-degree felony burglary.

A Dollar General manager came to know Cannon over a course of six months. The manager allowed Cannon to use the employee restrooms and break rooms during business hours. She also allowed Cannon to sleep overnight in the back of the store during non-business hours. In addition, the manager would pay Cannon with her own money to complete minimal tasks.

On November 29, 2022, Bakersfield Police Department were dispatched to the Dollar General store for a burglary in progress. When officers arrived, they detained Cannon. Surveillance footage showed Cannon stealing multiple items. Officers later found the stolen property and clothing shown in the surveillance footage in Cannon's make-shift home behind the store. Cannon denied stealing the items or knowing anything about them.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction, stating; "The store manager was doing an incredible act of kindness and unfortunately was betrayed by the very person she helped. Cannon's repeat crimes are unacceptable, and justice will be served."

Sentencing is set for March 14, 2024, before the Honorable John Lua in Department 5 of the Kern County Superior Court. Cannon faces up to 6 years in prison.

Shelly Cannon:

