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Jury Finds McDowell Guilty of Domestic Violence Related Charges
People v. Dwight McDowell: Kern County Superior Court Case BF197319A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant jury verdict in a domestic violence and assault with a firearm case. On March 19, 2024, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Katherynn Deleon, a Kern County jury convicted Dwight McDowell of first-degree robbery, first-degree burglary, assault with a firearm, inflicting spousal injury, and criminal threats.

On July 10, 2023, the victim was home watching her two grandchildren and nephew when her boyfriend, McDowell, entered her home and began assaulting her with a closed fist. During the assault, a concealed gun fell out of his pocket. McDowell picked up the gun and pistol-whipped the victim on the top of her head. He then proceeded to hold the gun to the victim's head and demand the jewelry she was wearing. During the incident, McDowell made threats to shoot and kill the victim. As a result of the assault, the victim's face, neck, and chest were covered in blood.

Evidence presented at the trial included efforts of McDowell attempting to dissuade the victim from testifying at court, however, the victim ultimately testified.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented, "It is not uncommon for domestic violence victims to be reluctant of the prosecution process due to fear of their abuser. Ensuring the safety of victims is top priority and we could not allow for an abuser to take control once more."

Sentencing is scheduled for April 17, 2024, in Department 4 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable Judge Charles Brehmer. McDowell faces up to 33 years in prison.

Dwight McDowell:

