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Lopez Found Guilty of Felony Stalking with Prior Stalking Conviction
People v. Martin Raymond Lopez: Kern County Superior Court Case BF196683A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a stalking jury verdict. On April 3, 2024, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney David L. Eller, a Kern County jury convicted Martin Raymond Lopez, age 40, of Felony Stalking with a Prior Stalking Conviction, Violation of a Domestic Violence Court Order, and Obstructing and Delaying a Peace Officer.

Lopez was previously convicted on September 7, 2022, for the stalking of the same victim. He was on probation for that offense when on September 26, 2023, he went back to the victim's residence and shoved her against her fence and followed her into her house in violation of an active court order. On September 30, 2023, Lopez followed the victim to a parking lot of a store and while she was inside, broke the rear window of the victim's vehicle. On October 1, 2023, Lopez took some tools from the victim's property. On October 16, 2023, Lopez again returned to the victim's residence and demanded that she let him inside or else he would break her windows. Lopez would flee from the residence each time that the victim would contact law enforcement, but was eventually apprehended on October 22, 2023, after returning to the victim's residence for the final time. The Kern County Sheriff's Department utilized K9 and air units to locate and apprehend Lopez after over a 30-minute standoff with the defendant where he was eventually taken into custody.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Stalking is a terrifying crime that often leads to devastating outcomes. This conviction provides relief, preventing any potential tragedies."

Sentencing is scheduled for May 1, 2024, in Department 7 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable Judge Brian McNamara. Andrews faces up to 10 years in prison.

Martin Lopez:

