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Bookout Found Guilty of Injuring Motorcycle Driver in DUI Related Incident
People v. Jacob Bookout: Kern County Superior Court Case BF194419A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a DUI related conviction. On June 3, 2024, a Kern County jury found Jacob Bookout guilty of Driving Under the Influence Causing Injury, Driving with a BAC of 0.08 or Above Causing Injury, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Drugs Causing Injury, Reckless Driving Causing Injury, and Resisting or Delaying a Peace Officer. It was also found true that Bookout inflicted great bodily injury. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Kacie Barrier.

On April 1, 2023, Bookout was operating his Ford F150 at 101 mph southbound on Panama Ln. approaching the intersection of Ashe Rd in Bakersfield. The victim was also travelling southbound on Panama Ln. on a motorcycle and had slowed to stop for the red light at the intersection. Bookout began changing lanes as he approached the intersection, hitting the victim on the motorcycle. Bookout proceeded through the intersection on a red light and drove into oncoming traffic before crashing into a building and a fire hydrant. The victim was ejected from his motorcycle and suffered an amputation of his left leg above the knee and the loss of three fingers. Upon investigation, the Kern Regional Crime Lab found that Bookout had a BAC level of 0.122% along with THC and Hydrocodone in his blood system.

Commenting on the verdict, District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer said, “We won’t stand for irresponsible actions on our roads. Although this conviction can’t reverse the damages, let this serve as a reminder of the serious consequences when choosing to be an unsafe motorist.”

A sentencing date is set for June 26, 2024, in front of Judge John Brownlee in Department 6 of the Kern County Superior Court. Bookout faces up to six years in prison.

Jacob Bookout:

