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Ortiz Ramirez Found Guilty of a Shooting that Left a 17-Year-Old Paralyzed
People v. Ivan Ortiz Ramirez: Kern County Superior Court Case BF185961A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury conviction today. On June 10, 2024, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney William Mord, a Kern County jury found Ivan Ortiz Ramirez guilty of shooting at an occupied vehicle, assault with a firearm, and battery causing serious bodily injury. The jury also found the additional allegations true that Ortiz Ramirez personally used a firearm causing injury and great bodily injury.

On May 14, 2021, an 18-year-old was driving a vehicle on South Chester Avenue in Bakersfield. The victim, a 17-year-old male, was the front passenger in the vehicle. Ortiz Ramirez was parked on the right side of the road and was standing just outside of his front driver's door. As the victim's vehicle drove by, Ortiz Ramirez pulled out a firearm and fired two rounds into the victim's vehicle. One of the rounds hit the 17-year-old in the neck. As a result of the shooting, the 17-year-old is a quadriplegic. The incident stemmed from a prior altercation.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction, stating; "A terrible decision resulted in a life-changing event for both the defendant and the victim. Using a firearm in pursuit of revenge is never the answer."

Sentencing is set for July 23, 2024, before the Honorable John D. Oglesby in Department 3 of the Kern County Superior Court. Ortiz Ramirez faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

Ivan Ortiz Ramirez:

