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Higgins Convicted for the Murder of His Infant Daughter
People v. Gregory Higgins: Kern County Superior Court Case BF189857A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant murder conviction. On June 21, 2024, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Stephanie Taconi, Defendant Gregory Higgins entered a Guilty plea to the charge of Second-Degree Murder for the death of his infant daughter.

On September 15, 2021, Officers with the Bakersfield Police Department responded to Higgins' home in response to a 911 call that his infant was not breathing. When officers arrived, the infant was unconscious and unresponsive to efforts of emergency personnel. Higgins was the only person home with the infant at the time of the injury that led to the infant's condition. The infant was treated at multiple hospitals and ultimately succumbed to her injuries on September 21, 2021.

During the initial investigation, Higgins told officers several different accounts of what had led to the infant's condition, all of which proved to be false. In the coming weeks, Higgins had many conversations with law enforcement and family members. These conversations assisted in establishing his guilt and ultimately leading to his arrest. It was determined that the infant suffered from several injuries including fractured ribs and brain swelling.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction; "We are deeply saddened by the tragic fate of this innocent child, failed by someone who should have protected her and shown love. Although this child was not given the chance at living, her killer will face the consequences of his heartless actions."

Sentencing is set for July 18, 2024, in Department 8 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable Judge Tiffany Organ-Bowles. Higgins faces a mandatory sentence of 15 years to life in prison.