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McFarland Man Found Guilty of Vehicle Theft Among Other Charges
People v. Luis Antonio Trejo: Kern County Superior Court Case DF018072A

(Delano) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury conviction involving two separate incidents in McFarland. On June 27, 2024, in a case that was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Vicente Reyes, a Kern County jury found Luis Antonio Trejo guilty of taking a vehicle without consent, possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of burglary tools, simple battery, attempted second degree burglary, and resisting, delaying, or obstructing a peace officer. Trejo was acquitted of attempted carjacking and attempted robbery.

On July 1, 2024, the court found it to be true that Trejo has one prior strike conviction, that there were aggravating factors relating to Trejo's prior criminal history, and that Trejo was out-on-bail during one of the incidents.

On March 24, 2023, Trejo attempted to forcefully enter the door of a McFarland business. Trejo was also seen attempting to enter two separate vehicles that were parked nearby. When law enforcement arrived and located Trejo, they ordered him to stop but he refused and ran away. Trejo was captured shortly after by law enforcement and arrested.

On February 6, 2024, Trejo stole a vehicle from a residence in McFarland. The owner of the vehicle was able to catch up to Trejo, and during the interaction, Trejo struck the owner in the face, knocking him to the ground. When Trejo was located and arrested by law enforcement, he was found with burglar tools - a screwdriver and a shaved key.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented, "Trejo's ongoing criminal activity warranted swift intervention to prevent him from harming our community members any further. Thanks to the contribution of this conviction, the streets of McFarland are safer."

Sentencing is scheduled for July 24, 2024, in Department A of the Kern County Superior Court – Delano Branch – before the Honorable Judge Jose Benavides. Trejo faces up to 8 years and 8 months in prison.

Luis Antonio Trejo:

