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Jury Finds John Williams III Guilty of Second-Degree Robbery
People v. John Willams III: Kern County Superior Court Case BF199425A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a robbery jury conviction. On August 14, 2024, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Victor Ghaly, a Kern County jury found John Williams III, guilty of Robbery in the Second Degree and False Identification to a Peace Officer.

On December 17, 2024, Williams, a transient individual, approached a transient victim on Chester Ave in Bakersfield and demanded items that the victim had collected. After Williams brandished a pellet gun, the victim dropped his belongings and began walking away from Williams. Williams then pursued the victim until a car leaving a tire shop got in between the two. The victim yelled at the car to call 911 and fled to Sam Lynn Ballpark where the victim also called 911.

Responding officers contacted Williams to the strip mall where he was residing and found him with both the pellet gun inside his jacket and the victim's belongings. Williams initially provided a false name to the officers before ultimately confessing to his lie.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction, stating; "Everyone in our community deserves to feel safe, and it is necessary that all victims of crime receive justice for the offenses committed against them."

Sentencing is set for September 12, 2024, before the Honorable Charles Brehmer in Department 4 of the Kern County Superior Court. Williams faces up to 15 years in prison.

John Williams III:

