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Rodriguez Jr. Found Guilty of Arson, Multiple Charges of Vandalism, and Trespassing
People v. Antonio Rodriguez Jr.: Kern County Superior Court Case BF193579A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced an arson trial conviction. On August 26, 2024, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Babbanjit “Bobby” Singh, a Kern County Jury found Antonio Rodriguez Jr. guilty of Arson of Property of Another, Vandalism, and Trespassing.

On February 14, 2023, the victim responded to the newly acquired property in East Bakersfield. The victim observed Rodriguez on the property and asked him to leave the residence. Rodriguez was shouting, throwing trash and causing a disturbance. Rodriguez then attempted to light a trash can on fire and throw it under the victim’s vehicle. However, he was unsuccessful. Rodriguez proceeded to throw a glass beer bottle at the victim’s car, shattering the glass sunroof and causing over \$6,000 in damages. Later that night, Rodriguez entered the boarded-up property and was arrested by law enforcement.

On February 17, 2023, Rodriguez returned to the property. The victim was on the property with his rental vehicle parked in front of the residence. Rodriguez lit a piece of cardboard on fire and threw it underneath the engine block of the rental car. This caused a hole to burn in the bottom of the rental vehicle, causing \$10,000 in damages.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “We will not tolerate those who endanger our community by invading property and committing dangerous acts like arson. Our community can rest easier knowing that this individual is being held accountable and will no longer pose a threat to the safety of our residents.”

Sentencing is scheduled for September 25, before the honorable Judge John Oglesby in Department 3 of the Kern County Superior Court. Rodriguez faces up to 14 years and 4 months of prison.

Antonio Rodriguez Jr.:

