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**Sex Offender Once Again Convicted of Indecent Exposure**  
*People v. James Hodges: Kern County Superior Court Case BF192540A*

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant conviction. On September 30, 2024, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Victor Ghaly, a Kern County jury found James Hodges guilty of two counts of resisting an executive officer, one count of battery on a peace officer causing injury, and one count of indecent exposure.

James Hodges had several indecent exposure convictions in the past and was on parole at the time of his most recent crime. On December 7, 2022, Hodges once again exposed his genitals while attending a group class as part of his residential treatment program. As a result, on December 8, 2022, staff asked Parole Agents to remove Hodges from their facility. Hodges initially complied and allowed himself to be handcuffed and walked out.

Once they were next to Agent's state vehicle, Hodges began to resist by pushing his body weight against the parole agents in an attempt to avoid entering the vehicle. Agents were ultimately able to get Hodges in the vehicle, however as one agent attempted to put a seatbelt on him, Hodges bit her. After the other agent was able to pull Hodges off her, they again struggled keeping him in the vehicle. During the second attempt to place a seatbelt on Hodges, he again bit the same agent on a different arm. The agents called the Bakersfield Police Department for assistance where he was successfully taken into custody.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction, stating; "Hodges has demonstrated a repeated disregard for the law, with prior convictions for similar offenses. It is clear that he is unable to comply, even while on parole; therefore, we will seek the maximum sentence possible.

Sentencing is set for October 29, 2024, before the Honorable John Brownlee in Department 4 of the Kern County Superior Court. Hodges faces up to 7 years and 8 months in prison.

James Hodges:

