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Mejia Found Guilty of Murdering Two Over Custody Issues
People v. Javier Andrade Mejia: Kern County Superior Court Cases BF196402A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury verdict in a significant homicide case today. On October 17, 2024, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Joseph Marcano, a Kern County jury convicted Javier Andrade Mejia of two counts of First-Degree Murder for the killings of 50-year-old Cesar Antillon Munoz and 45-year-old Elidia E Solis De Mejia. The jury also found Mejia guilty of additional charges including convicted felon in possession of a firearm and convicted felon in possession of ammunition. The jury also made true findings on special allegations that the Defendant committed multiple murders and personally discharged a firearm causing death to both victims.

On April 18, 2023, at approximately 4:15 p.m., Mejia traveled from his residence on Kentucky Street to the victim's residence located on Lexington Avenue in an unincorporated area of Bakersfield. Just prior to 5:00 p.m., he murdered the victims at their home - shooting each of them one time in the head with an unregistered handgun. The victims were the mother and stepfather of his child's mother.

Investigation revealed that Mejia was frustrated over custody issues between he and his child's mother and had planned on having full custody of the child. Ultimately, cell phone records and firearm analysis linked Mejia to the murder.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "This well-thought-out murder was driven by rage and utter disregard for human life. Two individuals were brutally killed, leaving several to mourn. Such a heinous crime calls for consequences as severe as the act itself."

Court will resume on October 21, 2024, in Department 3 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable John D. Oglesby to determine aggravating factors. Mejia faces multiple life sentences at his sentencing date expected in November.

Javier Andrade Mejia:

