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Hines Found Guilty of First-Degree Murder Committed During the Commission of Robbery
People v. Vincent Hines: Kern County Superior Court Case BF198802A

Bakersfield – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant murder conviction today. On October 21, 2024, a Kern County jury found defendant Vincent Hines guilty of the First-Degree murder of eighteen-year-old victim, Emmanuel “Manny” Arechiga. The jury also found Hines guilty of robbery, shooting at an occupied motor vehicle, and assault with a semi-automatic firearm, in a December 2020 crime of murder during the commission of a robbery. This case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Cole Sherman.

On the morning of December 31, 2020, “Manny” Arechiga drove to an apartment complex at Coventry Drive and Morin Court in Bakersfield, to meet with Hines, who claimed to be selling a firearm. Hines set up the fake gun deal via snapchat, using an alias and enlisted the help of his accomplice, Anthony Daniel. When Manny and his girlfriend arrived in his vehicle, Hines directed Manny to pull into an alleyway behind Morin Court. Once Manny displayed the cash needed for the transaction, Hines and Daniel pointed their guns at Manny and his girlfriend. At gunpoint, Hines demanded that Manny hand over his keys, phone, and money. Manny, who was still in the driver’s seat of his vehicle, raised up his hands and said, “don’t shoot, don’t shoot.” As he did this, Manny’s vehicle rolled forward. Daniel then fired a shot that passed through the rear driver side passenger window before striking Manny directly in his back. Manny’s wallet remained on his lap after he was shot, and Hines reached in and grabbed the wallet off Manny’s lap, completing the robbery. Manny’s girlfriend then climbed on top of his body and called 9-1-1 as she drove them to a nearby park. Police and medical personnel responded to the park but were unable to revive Manny, who died at the scene. Investigation by the Bakersfield Police Department yielded video of the suspects leaving the area and extensive social media evidence tying Hines to the crime.

When Hines planned and executed this crime in December of 2020, he was seventeen years old, necessitating that he initially be charged as a juvenile. In March of 2024, Hines’ case was transferred from juvenile to adult court, after Hines was found to be “legally fit” to be tried as an adult. Anthony Daniel,

who was nineteen years old at the time of the crime, was immediately charged as an adult. Daniel was convicted of numerous charges including first-degree murder, robbery, and personally discharging a firearm causing death, at his trial in April of 2022. Daniel was sentenced to 25 years to life, plus 25 years to life, plus 19 years in prison.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “An attempt by a young adult to purchase a firearm on the streets is unwise, but that decision is entirely undeserving of the violence that befell the young man in this case. Hines and Daniel took advantage of an 18-year-old man by luring him to a position of vulnerability, holding him up at gunpoint to rob him, and then shooting him in the back. Such violence demands serious penalties.”

Sentencing is scheduled for November 14, 2024, in Department 7 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable Brian M. McNamara. Hines faces a sentence of up to 54 years to life in prison.

Vincent Hines:

