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Jury Returns Guilty Verdict Against Man for Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Related Charges
People v. Stephen Swain: Kern County Superior Court Case BF194526A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a domestic violence conviction today. In a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney William Mord, a Kern County jury found Defendant Stephen Swain guilty of assault with a semiautomatic weapon, domestic violence, and four counts of felony child abuse. The jury found the additional allegations true that Swain personally used a firearm and inflicted great bodily injury. The jury found Swain not guilty of shooting at an inhabited house and was unable to reach a verdict on whether or not Swain committed a criminal threat.

On April 27, 2023, Kern County Sherriff Deputies arrived at a North Bakersfield residence where they found Swain's girlfriend bloody and with a broken jaw. Deputies also found 6 shell casings and bullet strikes on the outside of the residence. The victim stated that prior to the incident, the two began arguing when Swain became angry and pinned her face to the couch, restricting her breathing. Swain then began to pistol whip the victim over 20 times in the face, using a semiautomatic handgun. The victim followed Swain outside of the home as he fled with his four juvenile children who witnessed the incident.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Unfortunately, most domestic violence incidents are not isolated events. They often become cycles of escalating violence that can lead to tragic outcomes, even death. While the victim endured horrific injuries, I am relieved that the perpetrator was finally apprehended before an even greater tragedy occurred."

Sentencing is set for December 11, 2024, before the Honorable Charles Brehmer in Department 4 of the Kern County Superior Court. Swain faces up to 24 years and 4 months in prison.

Those experiencing domestic violence are encouraged to contact the Kern County Family Justice Center for assistance. All services are free and there is no appointment necessary. For more information, visit: kcfjc.org.

Alan Swain:

