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Felon Convicted of Multiple Firearm and Drug Sales Offenses
People v. David Casey Murphy: Kern County Superior Court Case BF186089A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced significant felony convictions today. On November 12, 2024, in a case presented by Deputy District Attorney Samuel Birchfield, a Kern County jury found defendant David Casey Murphy guilty of possessing firearms and ammunition as a felon, possession of fentanyl and methamphetamine for sales, transporting methamphetamine and fentanyl for sales, possession of methamphetamine while armed with a firearm, and resisting a peace officer. The jury also found true that defendant was armed with a firearm while committing six of the fourteen offenses.

On June 10, 2021, Murphy was contacted by the Kern County Fire Department when they provided medical assistance to him. One of the firefighters located a loaded firearm in Murphy's pocket and contacted the Kern County Sheriff's Office who sent a deputy to investigate.

On January 1, 2022, officers with the Bakersfield Police Department arrested Murphy on an arrest warrant and executed a search warrant at his residence. Officers located over \$3,000.00, 86.2 grams of Fentanyl, over 70 grams of methamphetamine, packaging materials, digital scales, several rounds of live ammunition, and three firearms at the property.

On September 16, 2022, deputies with the Kern County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop on Murphy. He had outstanding warrants for his arrest. A search incident to arrest revealed over \$2,700 in cash, live ammunition, glass smoking pipes, a backpack with 65 plastic baggies, marijuana, .79 grams of methamphetamine, and fentanyl testing strips.

On May 26, 2023, officers with the Bakersfield Police Department conducted a traffic stop on Murphy. He was driving on a suspended license. Officers asked Murphy to step out of the vehicle he was driving. Murphy did not comply with the officers and resisted when he was placed in handcuffs. Officers searched the car prior to it being impounded and located over 208 grams of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, loaded handgun, a digital scale, another bag of methamphetamine weighing approximately 13 grams, 4 grams of fentanyl, over \$500 in the center console, and several rounds of ammunition.

The Honorable Judge Brian McNamara found true that Murphy committed the January 1, 2022, September 16, 2022, and May 26, 2023, offenses while released from custody pending final judgment of earlier felony offenses.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “The distribution of illegal drugs will not be tolerated in our community. Our office is committed to holding those accountable who repeatedly endanger the safety and well-being of our neighborhoods by distributing these deadly substances. Justice has been served, and we remain vigilant in our fight against drug-related crimes.”

Sentencing is scheduled for December 5, 2024, in Department 7 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable Judge Brian McNamara. Murphy faces up to 20 years in prison.

David Casey Murphy:

