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Felon Convicted of Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Attempted Vehicle Theft
People v. Erick Daniel Arrellano: Kern County Superior Court Case BF200172A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced significant felony convictions today. On December 17, 2024, in a case presented by Deputy District Attorney Samuel Birchfield, a Kern County jury found defendant Erick Arrellano guilty of several felonies including: assault with a deadly weapon, assault likely to produce great bodily injury, false imprisonment, and attempted vehicle theft. The jury also found Arrellano guilty of misdemeanors including: simple battery, brandishing a deadly weapon, tampering with a vehicle, and resisting arrest. The jury found Arrellano not guilty of attempted carjacking.

On July 1, 2024, Arrellano attacked and attempted to steal the victim's vehicle after a confrontation. The victim was in his car about to leave his apartment complex when he witnessed Arrellano tampering with his neighbor's rental vehicle. The victim verbally confronted Arrellano. Arrellano then decided to walk toward the victim. The two then got into a physical altercation where the victim ended up on his back on the ground with Arrellano standing over him. The victim told Arrellano that he was done fighting, to stop, and that he had an injured back. Arrellano ignored the victim and continued to kick him when he was on ground. Arrellano then threw an opened pocketknife at the victim and ran toward the victim's vehicle. Fortunately, the knife missed the victim's face. The victim then got back into his car as Arrellano attempted to drive off with the victim's vehicle. After physical struggle – including Arrellano putting the victim in a chokehold – the victim and another neighbor were able to grab the vehicle keys and keep Arrellano in the vehicle until deputies arrived.

Arrellano was not cooperative with deputies by flailing his arms and not complying with their commands. Once deputies placed him into their patrol vehicle, Arrellano began spitting all over the backseat.

The Honorable Judge Charles Brehmer found true that Arrellano has a valid prior strike offense.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "By prosecuting violent criminals like Arrellano, we take crucial steps toward building safer communities. His extensive criminal history makes him eligible for a life sentence, a big win for public safety."

Sentencing is scheduled for January 16, 2025, in Department 4 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable Judge Charles Brehmer. As a third strike offender, Arrellano faces up to life in prison.

Erick Arrellano:

