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Repeat Restraining Order Violator Convicted of Domestic Violence Related Charges
People v. Samuel Charles: Kern County Superior Court Case BF201867A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a guilty verdict in a domestic violence related case. On February 20, 2025, in a case presented by Deputy District Attorney Jordan Webster, a Kern County jury found defendant Samuel Charles guilty of the three felony charges and one misdemeanor charge: Stalking, Disobeying a Domestic Relations Court Order with Priors, Vandalism, and Contempt of Court.

On April 5, 2023, at 3:00 a.m., Samuel Charles arrived at the victim’s Bakersfield residence and attempted to enter through the back door. The victim told him to leave and called 911 when Charles refused. Charles left the premise before law enforcement arrived and could not be located.

On August 17, 2023, Charles returned to the victim’s residence around midnight. He demanded entry and when refused by the victim, he threatened to physically assault her. Charles then used a knife he had brought with him to vandalize a vehicle in the victim’s driveway. After slashing the vehicle’s tires, Charles fled before law enforcement could arrive.

The victim had three active restraining orders against Charles at the time of the incidents, preventing him from coming within 100 yards of her person or residence. During the trial, Charles testified that he was aware of the restraining orders but did not care about any of them. Charles has over 8 prior convictions of court and domestic order violations.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “It is unacceptable that the victim has to live in fear – even with a restraining order in place. We will continue to advocate and stand with this victim through sentencing – pursuing the maximum penalty allowed by the law.”

Sentencing is set for March 20, 2025, in Department 4 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable Judge Charles R. Brehmer. Charles has a prior strike conviction, making him eligible for an elevated sentence of 10 years, 8 months in prison.

Samuel Charles:

