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**Jury Finds Prison Inmate William Dee McIntosh Guilty of Attempted Murder
Among Other Charges**

People v. William Dee McIntosh.: Kern County Superior Court Case DF017300A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant conviction. On March 4, 2025, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Babbanjit “Bobby” Singh, a Kern County Jury found prison inmate William Dee McIntosh guilty of Attempted Murder, two counts of Assault by an Inmate Serving Life Sentence, and Inmate Possession of Weapon.

On September 22, 2022, William McIntosh and co-defendant Jason Lee Sawyer, were prison inmates housed at the Kern Valley State Prison in Delano, Kern County, California. At approximately 06:50 p.m., Defendant Sawyer approached the victim inmate from behind in the dayroom inside the prison and attacked him by striking him in the back. Defendant McIntosh joined Sawyer and continued attacking the inmate by chasing him around the dayroom. A separate inmate attempted to intervene and stop the attack but suffered a wound on his back at the hand of McIntosh. After striking the second inmate victim, McIntosh went back to the first inmate victim and stabbed him on his head and body. The victim suffered several puncture wounds, lacerations, and stab wounds.

Defendant Sawyer plead no contest to all charges before the trial began and testified on behalf of his Co-Defendant McIntosh. However, the jury rejected both inmates’ testimony and returned a verdict of guilty on February 28, 2025. The court found McIntosh had suffered multiple prior convictions and found several aggravating factors true. The court also found that McIntosh had prior convictions for murder, attempted murder and assault with a weapon.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented: “Criminals must answer for their actions, without exception. Justice demands accountability in all cases, including those already serving time. These two dangerous individuals must now face the consequences.”

Sentencing is scheduled for Defendant Sawyer on March 19, 2025, while Defendant McIntosh is scheduled

on April 1, 2025, before the honorable Judge John R. Brownlee in Department 6 of the Kern County Superior Court. Both defendants face an additional 54 years to life in prison.

William Dee McIntosh:



Jason Lee Sawyer:

