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Sanchez Found Guilty of Foods Co. Parking Lot Murder
People v. Adrian Sanchez Jr.: Kern County Superior Court Case BF184114A

(Bakersfield) - On March 05, 2025, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Cyrus Shahbazian, a Kern County jury found Adrian Sanchez Jr. guilty of first-degree murder for a parking lot shooting in East Bakersfield. The jury also found true various gun enhancements, including discharging a firearm resulting in death.

In the afternoon hours of January 29, 2021, Officers with the Bakersfield Police Department received reports of a shooting that occurred in the parking lot of Foods Co. located near Haylee and Columbus Streets. When officers arrived, they found the victim, Chad Reeves, seated in the driver's seat of his vehicle nonresponsive and suffering from a gunshot wound through the left arm and into the chest. The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Officers canvassed the area and located video surveillance from a neighboring business which captured the shooting from various angles. The videos depict the victim drive into the parking lot of the business, park, and begin chatting with a friend. As the victim sat in his vehicle, the video surveillance shows Sanchez approach the victim, brandish a gun, and reach inside the victim's driver's window. As the victim attempted to flee, Sanchez fired a round, which entered and exited through the victim's left arm, and then reenter his chest where it was lodged. The bullet ultimately struck the victim's heart, causing his death. After Sanchez shot the victim, he fled from the scene.

Investigation from the Bakersfield Police Department identified Adrian Sanchez Jr. as the shooter. Later that night, officers located and arrested Sanchez at a local motel. During the arrest, officers located narcotics and the firearm that was used in the murder.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "In the end, justice prevails. The complete disregard for human life is not only disheartening, but a serious crime – one that will land Sanchez in prison for several decades."

Sentencing is scheduled for April 04, 2025, before the Honorable Judge Zulfa in Department 18 of the Kern

County Superior Court. Sanchez faces a sentence of up to 50 years to life in prison.

Adrian Sanchez Jr.:

