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Edward Pull Found Guilty of Murdering Father, Assaulting Mother with Firearm
People v. Edward James Pull: Kern County Superior Court Case BF170619A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant murder conviction. On May 23, 2025, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Leanne Wilder, a Kern County jury found defendant Edward James Pull guilty of 2nd Degree Murder for the death of his father, Edward William Pull. In addition, the defendant was also convicted of several crimes against his mother, including assault with an AR-15 style rifle causing great bodily injury, false imprisonment, elder abuse, and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Several firearm and great bodily injury enhancements were also found to be true.

In addition to the convictions found by the jury, in a bench trial, the judge found true several aggravating factors including the defendant's prior convictions. The defendant has three prior 2006 felony convictions for lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14.

On the early morning of December 11, 2017, the Bakersfield Police Department was dispatched to investigate a possible robbery. Upon arrival, the victims were found bleeding out on the floor suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. At the time officers arrived, the defendant lied to the police and told them a "robber" had entered their home and shot his father and beat his mother. Later that same morning, when she was safe, the mother informed officers that there was no robber and it was in fact her son, the defendant, who shot her husband and beat her.

During the investigation, video surveillance from inside the residence showed the defendant come out of his bedroom wearing a mask, gloves, and a loaded AR-15 style MR Carbine firearm. He stormed into his father's bedroom and pointed the gun at him and began yelling. The defendant's mother, who heard the commotion, entered the bedroom to see what was happening. The defendant then attacked his mother by beating her over the head with the rifle causing an eight-inch gash on the top her head, as well as other head lacerations and bruising all over her body. Edward William Pull tried to come to his wife's aide, but the defendant began physically assaulting him with the firearm. While Edward William Pull tried to save himself and his wife from the attack, the defendant shot his father two times - once in the abdomen and

once in the left leg.

After the defendant's father was shot, the defendant did not call for help for four hours. Instead, he forced his mother to help him clean up the crime scene, hide and destroy evidence and come up with a lie to tell police. When officers arrived, Edward William Pull was rushed to the hospital where he underwent several operations to attempt to save his life. However, the damage caused by the gunshot wound to his abdomen was too severe and he passed away a week later.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Kinzel commented; "This was a heinous and calculated act, one that the victim's never saw coming. Not only did the defendant take the life of his own father, but he also attempted to cover it up and force his mother into being his accomplice. Yet despite his efforts to evade accountability, justice prevailed in the end."

Sentencing is set for July 15, 2025, before the Honorable Judge Judith Dulcich in Department 2 of the Kern County Superior Court. The defendant faces multiple life sentences.

Edward James Pull:

