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Man Convicted of Attempted Murder After Shooting Victim Eight Times
People v. Rogelio Alvarez: Kern County Superior Court Case BF199575A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant felony conviction today. On June 13, 2025, in a case presented by Deputy District Attorney Jaycie Knox, a Kern County jury found defendant Rogelio Alvarez guilty of premeditated and deliberated attempted murder, assault with a firearm, and a misdemeanor count of theft by false pretenses.

On May 19, 2024, Rogelio Alvarez picked up his supposed friend, the victim, from a gas station in North Bakersfield. From there, he took the victim and a female passenger to a field off of Morning Drive under the guise that they were to meet up with a common acquaintance. Once the victim was outside the vehicle, Alvarez told the victim to give his phone to the female passenger. As soon as the victim handed over his phone, he turned around to see Alvarez pointing a firearm at his face. Alvarez immediately shot the victim once in the cheek, once in the neck, and six more times in his upper body. Alvarez and the female passenger fled the scene – leaving the victim for dead as he bled out. The victim was eventually able to gain the strength to stand up and walk to the nearest home where the homeowners called law enforcement.

Alvarez initially lied to law enforcement claiming that he did not see the victim on the day of the shooting. However, after being informed that the victim had survived and had identified Alvarez as the shooter, he admitted he was present but concocted a new story involving a third-party shooter, which was proved to be false. Evidence showed that Alvarez owed the victim a substantial debt and likely attempted to kill him over this money owed.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented: “This meticulously orchestrated attempted murder reflects a deliberate and premeditated intent to end a life and warrants the full extent of legal consequences.”

Sentencing is set for July 15, 2025, in Department 8 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable Judge Tiffany Organ-Bowles. Alvarez faces up to 32 years to life in prison.

Rogelio Alvarez:

