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Sentencing Update:
Convicted Robber Sentenced to Multiple Consecutive Life Terms Per Three Strikes Law
People v. Jonathan Goodrich: Kern County Superior Court Case BF200491A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant sentence. On June 26, 2025, the Honorable Judge David Zulfa sentenced defendant Jonathan Goodrich to 100 years to life in prison. The sentence follows the jury verdict returned on April 29, 2025, in which Goodrich was found guilty of three counts of robbery, two counts of using tear gas as a weapon, one count of attempted robbery, and one count of petty theft. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Louis Jameson.

Goodrich has two prior convictions that qualify as strikes under California’s Three Strikes law, a 2008 assault with a deadly weapon and a 2018 robbery, both classified as “serious felonies.” With the addition of his recent third serious felony conviction, Goodrich’s case was classified as a “three strikes” case. A third strike conviction carries a minimum sentence of 25 years to life. Accordingly, he was sentenced to four consecutive 25 years to life terms, resulting in a total prison sentence of 100 years to life.

The conviction stems from multiple incidents that occurred between July 15 to July 25 of 2024 at Rite Aid located on 34th Street in Bakersfield. On multiple occasions, Goodrich entered the business to steal cigarettes. On one occasion, Goodrich sprayed an employee in the face with pepper spray. In another, he intimidated an employee while his accomplice stole merchandise. Other incidents involved Goodrich threatening to spray employees with pepper spray, forcefully entering the store by opening closed doors, and walking behind the counter to take cigarettes.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “The Three Strikes Law is designed to hold habitual offenders accountable by imposing harsher penalties that prioritize public safety and enforce legal consequences. With this latest conviction, Goodrich’s criminal behavior in our community has come to an end.”

Jonathan Goodrich:

