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Jury Finds Michael Lee Pullings Guilty of Receiving Stolen Property
People v. Michael Lee Pullings: Kern County Superior Court Case BF200354A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury conviction. On June 26, 2025, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Tiffany A. McLean, a Kern County jury found Michael Lee Pullings guilty of two counts of receiving stolen property with a value exceeding \$950.

In March of 2024, a victim was notified that a gate was open on her property. The victim inspected her property and found the padlock was cut off and her industrial lawnmower, valued at \$2,800, was missing. The victim's gardener observed the lawnmower was posted by Pullings for sale on a Facebook Marketplace ad listing for \$1,300. Through an operation conducted by the Kern County Auto Theft Task Force, Detectives met with Pullings and were able to confirm the serial number on the lawnmower. As a result, Pullings was taken into custody.

Similarly in October of 2024, a separate victim noticed a Honda CRX dirt bike, valued at \$4,000, and two Honda lawnmowers were stolen from her property. Pullings posted an ad for the sale of the stolen motorcycle. A Detective with the Kern County Auto Theft Task Force, posing as an interested buyer, met Pullings at a local park. The Detective verified that the Vehicle Identification Number matched the number provided by the victim when initially reporting the theft and Pullings was immediately taken into custody.

When questioned about both incidents, Pullings provided inconsistent statements. Pullings has several prior theft convictions, including a strike offense for first degree residential burglary.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Pullings is a serial thief whose repeated offenses demonstrate a blatant disregard for the law. As a prior strike offender and habitual criminal, Pullings is facing stiffer consequences that are essential for upholding public safety."

Sentencing is set for July 25, 2025, before the Honorable David Zulfa in Department 18 of the Kern County Superior Court. Due to his prior strike conviction, Pullings is eligible for an elevated sentence of up to 7 years, 4 months in prison.

Michael Pullings:

