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Duran Found Guilty of Criminal Threats Against Long-Time Girlfriend
People v. Jose Duran: Kern County Superior Court Case BF196700A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant jury verdict. On June 27, 2025, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jordan Webster, a Kern County jury found defendant Jose Duran guilty of five felony charges and one misdemeanor charge including two counts of Criminal Threats, two counts of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, one count of Unlawful Possession of Ammunition by a Convicted Felon, and one count of Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer in the Discharge of his Duties. The jury was unable to reach a verdict on one count of Inflicting Injury on a Spouse and one count of Exhibiting a Firearm. On June 30, 2025, the jury also found true special allegations that the defendant engaged in violent conduct and had previously suffered a serious or violent prior strike conviction.

On September 17, 2023, at approximately 9:00 PM, the victim, Duran's long-time girlfriend, fled their home with her juvenile son after an altercation with Duran. After arriving at a friend's Bakersfield home, the victim contacted 911. Duran tracked the victim to her friend's residence and began calling the victim several times. The victim answered one of these calls and her friend recorded the conversation. During the call, Duran demanded his keys back or he would "fucking dump on the whole house." Duran was parked outside of the residence when he made the threat to both the victim and her friend. The victim believed Duran was armed with a pistol and would act on his threat, which she believed meant he would "shoot up" the residence.

Kern County Sheriff's Deputies arrived on scene as Duran was standing near the yard of the residence. When Duran saw deputies, he immediately began to run, ignoring lawful commands to stop and put his hands up. Duran escaped from the deputies and fled the county prior to the case being filed. Deputies searched Duran's residence later that same night and located a 9mm pistol, an AR-style rifle, and 100 rounds of live ammunition in the master bedroom. This was not Duran's first encounter in which he threatened a member of the community. Duran was previously convicted of a felony charge of Criminal Threats in 2018 and therefore was prohibited from lawfully possessing firearms or ammunition at the time of the current offense.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “Criminal threats aren’t just words, they’re often backed by action if not for prompt intervention. Everyone deserves to feel safe, and those who compromise someone’s security must be held accountable.”

Sentencing is set for August 27, 2025, in Department 3 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable John D. Oglesby. Duran faces up to 16 years in prison.

Anyone experiencing domestic violence is encouraged to contact the [Kern County Family Justice Center](#). All services are free and there is no appointment necessary.

Jose Duran:

