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Kern Valley State Prison Inmates Convicted of Assault by a Life Prisoner

People v. Michael Gaddy and David Charles Macon: Kern County Superior Court Case DF018974A/B

(Delano) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced jury trial convictions on a case in which two inmates serving life sentences assaulted another inmate with deadly stabbing weapons. On July 9, 2025, a Kern County Jury found defendants David Charles Macon, age 50, and Michael Gaddy, age 49, guilty of a felony violation of Assault with a Deadly Weapon by an Inmate Serving a Life Sentence. In a separate deliberation, the jury also found true that Gaddy had 5 prior felony convictions ranging from robbery, a prior Assault by a Life Inmate, and attempted murder between 1993-2007 and that Macon had 3 prior violent felony convictions for robbery, between 1996-2016 - all falling within the three strikes law. The jury also found true that Gaddy and Macon planned the crime, engaged in behavior that indicates a serious danger to society, engaged in a crime that was particularly violent and callous, and involved a vulnerable victim, as factors in aggravation. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney William Wolfe.

On April 7, 2024, Gaddy and Macon were inmates at Kern Valley State Prison in Delano where they seized an opportunity to rush onto the prison patio and violently attack another inmate. Using inmate manufactured stabbing weapons, both inmates continually stabbed and slashed another inmate who was merely walking to a visit with family. The inmate victim, who walked with the assistance of a wooden cane, raised his cane to defend himself from the attack, but was quickly overpowered by inmates Gaddy and Macon. Gaddy took the victim's cane from him, and Macon used the cane to beat the victim. Both Gaddy and Macon used their inmate manufactured weapons to stab and slash the victim, who received at least 8 wounds from the attack, and required medical treatment. Due to quick reactions by the CDCR Officers, the attack quickly ended, and both Gaddy and Macon were removed from the scene.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for August 11, 2025, in Department C of the Kern County Superior Court in Delano before the honorable Judge David Wolf. Gaddy faces more than 27 years to life in addition to his current sentence. Prior to this conviction, Gaddy would have been eligible for parole in

2030. Macon was scheduled to be released from prison in the year 2043 as he is serving a life sentence for Robbery. He now faces up to an additional 27 years to life plus an additional 5 years in prison.

In an unrelated case, Gaddy has a jury trial set for July 28, 2025, in case DF015427A, for charges of attempted murder on another inmate. In a separate case, Marcon was recently convicted by a Delano Jury on May 28, 2025, for assaulting another inmate with a deadly weapon, among other charges.¹

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “Both defendants have committed life crimes and continue to display violent behavior while incarcerated. Prosecuting crimes committed in prison is just as crucial as addressing those committed in public, as it ensures that dangerous individuals like these remain behind bars.”

¹Refer to KCDA [Press Release 25-59](#).