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Jury Returns Guilty Verdict in Five-Month Long Gang Related Shooting Trial
People v. Ulices Alonso, Erica Faria, Francisco Garcia, Uriel Ramirez, and Ulyses Zelayandia:
Kern County Superior Court Case BF198856A-E

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant verdict in a five-defendant case. On July 23, 2025, after a five-month jury trial in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Cyrus Shahbazian, a Kern County jury convicted Ulices Alonso, Eric Faria, Francisco Garcia, Uriel Ramirez, and Ulyses Zelayandia of charges including Conspiracy to Commit Murder, in two gang related shootings that occurred in 2021 in Bakersfield.

The first incident occurred during the late hours of September 29, 2021, at the Mesa Marin Sports Complex where victim Mario Bravo and his brother had just finished a softball game. Mario Bravo had previously testified against southern Hispanic gang members that lead to their conviction. After finishing their softball game, Mario and his brother were in the parking lot when they were met by Defendant Alonso. Defendant Alonso “befriended” Mario and his brother, asking them for a ride home. After the three spent 10 to 15 minutes talking, Defendant Alonso retrieved a gun from a bag he was carrying. Defendant Alonso then shot Mario and fired a round at Mario’s brother, who dropped to the floor after hearing the gun fire. Defendant Alonso continued firing as he ran to a car that was waiting for him at the entrance to the parking lot, where Defendants Faria, Garcia, Ramirez, and Zelayandia were. The bullet entered Mario’s left cheek and exited the back of his neck. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The second incident occurred on Christmas Eve of 2021 on Kentucky Street. During the morning hours, the victim took a second victim, his grandson, to a rap studio to record a song. The second victim had previously released a “diss track,” dissing a rival gang, the Colonia Bakers. Defendant Garcia, also a rap artist and affiliated with the Colonia Bakers, used the same music producer as the second victim. Once Defendant Garcia learned that the second victim was at the Rap studio, he coordinated with Defendants Ramirez and Zelayandia to confront the second victim as he left. Defendant Zelayandia picked up Defendants Garcia and Ramirez and drove to the Rap studio and waited for the second victim to exit the studio. When the first victim arrived to pick up the second victim, Defendant Garcia and Ramirez exited Zelayandia’s vehicle and fired multiple rounds, striking the first victim once, and the second victim five times. Defendants Garcia

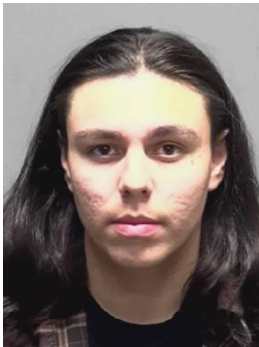
and Ramirez then reentered Defendant Zelayandia's vehicle and fled the scene.

The Bakersfield Police Department in conjunction with the Kern County Sheriff's Office were able to solve both shootings with thorough investigation.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "This was an extremely complex case that required meticulous investigation by law enforcement and significant preparation for trial. After five months in trial, we are pleased that five dangerous and violent gang members have been brought to justice and will no longer pose a threat to our community."

Sentencing is scheduled for August 20, 2025, in front of the Honorable Judge Brehmer in Department 4 of the Kern County Superior Court. Defendant Alonso, Faria, and Zelayandia are facing up to 50 years to life in prison. Defendant Garcia is facing up to 80 years to life in prison and Defendant Ramirez is facing up to 105 years to life in prison.

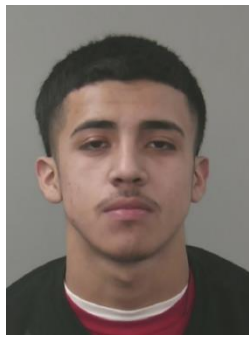
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