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Defendant Convicted of Assaulting Deputy Sheriff with Force Likely to Cause Great Bodily Injury
People v. Quane Sutton: Kern County Superior Court Case BF203587A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant jury verdict today. On August 27, 2025, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Brandon Stallings, Defendant Quane Sutton was convicted of Battery on a Peace Officer, Assault on a Peace Officer with Force Likely to Cause Great Bodily Injury and Resisting Arrest with Force. The jury found Sutton not guilty of additional charges for Attempted Murder, Grand Theft of Property, and Vandalism Over \$400.

On March 4, 2025, the Kern County Sheriff's Office was contacted by a victim who reported that an individual, later identified as Sutton, had stolen their cell phone when it was mistakenly left at a convenience store. The responding Deputy received information regarding the identity of the suspect, including information that he was walking in the area of Alta Vista and Columbus St in Bakersfield. The Deputy responded to the area, approached the theft suspect, and attempted to detain him.

During the attempted detention, Sutton struck the Deputy, wrestled with him, and got him in a chokehold. While the Deputy was in the chokehold, Sutton lifted the Deputy by his neck as Sutton braced his own legs for more leverage. Three good Samaritans witnessed the situation unfold and aided the Deputy, ultimately helping free the Deputy and restrain Sutton until other Deputies arrived.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Violence against peace officers strikes at the cornerstone of a just society, which is one of many reasons why California has specific laws against using force against officers. Sutton's unprovoked attack on the Deputy in this case warrants substantial felony consequences, which this conviction is certain to ensure."

In a subsequent trial pertaining to aggravating factors and prior convictions, several factors were found true by the court, including that the offenses included violent conduct and that Sutton had prior convictions warranting an elevated prison term. Sentencing is set before the Honorable Judge Judith Dulcich on September 29, 2025 in Department 2 of the Kern County Superior Court. Sutton faces up to 5 years in prison as a result of the convictions.

Quane Sutton:

