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Steven Jimenez Found Guilty of Assaulting Officers with a Semi-Automatic Firearm
People v. Steven Jimenez: Kern County Superior Court Case #BF193346A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant verdict relating to an assault with a semi-automatic firearm on Bakersfield Police Department Officers. On September 24, 2025, a Kern County jury found Steven Jimenez guilty of multiple counts including assaulting peace officers with a semi-automatic firearm, prohibited person in possession of a firearm, prohibited person in possession of ammunition, resisting arrest with force, and obstructing a peace officer. The jury also found true that Steven Jimenez intentionally discharged the firearm during the commission of the crime. Several circumstances in aggravation and a prior conviction for a strike offense were also found true. The jury was unable to reach a verdict on four felony counts, including attempted murder of a peace officer. The jury also acquitted Jimenez of one count of brandishing a firearm in the presence of a peace officer. This case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jordan Houle.

On the early morning of February 5, 2023, Bakersfield Police Department Officers responded to a ShotSpotter activation in the 100 block of Kern St. While traveling to that location, they observed Jimenez walking away from the area of the ShotSpotter activation. Officers attempted to detain Jimenez in the 200 Block of Baker Street as part of their investigation, but Jimenez did not comply. Jimenez ultimately ran from the officers and the officers pursued him in their vehicle and then on foot. During the officers' pursuit of Jimenez, he fired at the officers three times. One of the officers returned fire, but Jimenez was able to escape from the scene before other officers arrived.

Immediately, Bakersfield Police Department officers, detectives, and members of the Violent Criminal Apprehension Team began looking for Jimenez. After considerable effort they were able to locate Jimenez in the 2000 Block of Union Avenue. On February 5, 2023, officer with the Violent Criminal Apprehension Team located Jimenez and attempted to take him into custody pursuant to a warrant for his arrest. When officers contacted Jimenez, he fled from officers. He then drew a loaded firearm from his person and threw it before he was captured. Jimenez was then arrested and charged with the shooting on February 6, 2023.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “Jimenez’s actions were utterly reckless. Police officers perform a vital role in safeguarding our community’s residents. By endangering the safety of an officer, Jimenez committed an offense that warrants severe consequences.”

Sentencing is scheduled for November 11, 2025, before the Honorable John D. Oglesby in Department 3 of the Kern County Superior Court where Steven Jimenez faces a sentence of up to 73 years in prison.

Steven Jimenez:

