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Jury Finds Eric Castro Guilty of Resisting an Executive Officer and Vehicle Tampering
People v. Eric Castro: Kern County Superior Court Case BF203291A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a conviction today. On October 24, 2025, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Tiffany A. McLean, a Kern County jury found Defendant Eric Castro guilty of resisting arrest through force and violence and tampering with a vehicle without the owner's consent.

On February 12, 2025, an officer with the Bakersfield Police Department responded to a call from a business located on Ming Avenue and Stine Road. The victim told the responding officer that she was exiting her vehicle when Eric Castro walked directly towards her saying something she could not understand. When Castro dropped his phone, the victim ran into the business and locked her car with her electronic key fob. Castro pulled on the rear door handle to the victim's vehicle and became angry when the door would not open. When the victim looked outside to check on her vehicle, she saw Castro in the driver's seat of a red SUV parked next to her vehicle.

The responding officer approached Castro's vehicle and asked to speak with him about the allegations. Castro became extremely agitated and started cursing at the officer. The officer told Castro to step out of his SUV several times. Castro punched the responding officer in the side of the head, kicked the officer in the face and groin, and refused to step out of his vehicle. A second officer then arrived on scene to assist. Castro continued yelling and resisting arrest before eventually being detained in the parking lot. Both officers sustained visible injuries.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Castro showed complete disregard for the safety of the community member and the first responders who answered to the call. Such behavior demands appropriate legal repercussions."

Sentencing is scheduled for November 11, 2025, before the Honorable John Brownlee in Department 6 of

the Kern County Superior Court. Castro faces up to 3 years and 4 months in prison.

Eric Castro:

