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Gang Member Convicted of Intimidating a Witness and Assault
People v. Christopher Patterson: Kern County Superior Court Case BF205034B

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury verdict in a significant case involving witness intimidation and assault causing great bodily injury. On November 10, 2025, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jamila Ha, a Kern County jury convicted Christopher Patterson of multiple felony charges including intimidating a witness and assault and battery with serious bodily injury. In addition to the felony convictions, the jury found true a special allegation that Patterson personally inflicted great bodily injury on the victim. The Court further determined that the crimes were committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, and in association with a criminal street gang.

On the evening of January 22, 2025, an inmate housed at the Lerdo Pretrial Facility was assaulted by Christopher Patterson, Anthony Johnson, and Trevion Pitts, all active members of the East Side Crips criminal street gang. The victim, also a member of the gang, had previously provided information that other members eventually became aware of. This information prompted a high-ranking East Side Crips member to order the assault on the victim. Patterson received the directive on the morning of the attack and relayed it to Johnson and Pitts. That evening, the three assailants repeatedly kicked and punched the victim for more than three minutes, causing him to lose consciousness.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “Using violence and intimidation to interfere with a criminal investigation carries enhanced penalties that can, in some cases, exceed those of the original offense. Such conduct is inexcusable, and our office will pursue it vigorously.”

Sentencing is set for December 8, 2025, before the Honorable Judge John D. Oglesby in Department 3 of the Kern County Superior Court. Patterson is currently serving a Life without Parole sentence for a gang related murder. With this conviction, Patterson faces an additional 7 years to life in prison.

Co-defendants Anthony Johnson and Trevion Pitts were previously convicted of related charges. Johnson was sentenced to an additional 11 years in prison. Pitts was ordered to serve an additional 6 years in prison.

Christopher Patterson:

