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**Co-Defendants Convicted of Robbery and Attempted Robbery After
Violently Attacking Store Manager**

People v. Melissa Singh and Julian Singh: Kern County Superior Court Cases BF199873A/B

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced two violent felony convictions today. On December 17, 2025, in a case presented by Deputy District Attorney Spencer Scher, a Kern County jury found Melissa Singh guilty of felony second-degree robbery and Julian Singh guilty of felony attempted second-degree robbery.

On July 22, 2023, the victim, a female store manager of El Milagro Market on Panama Lane, confronted Melissa Singh stealing two cans of ‘Twisted Tea.’ With the stolen merchandise in hand, Melissa Singh punched the store manager in the face. The physical altercation continued into the parking lot whereupon Julian Singh violently punched the store manager in the face. The altercation lasted approximately one minute until the Singhs fled the scene. The store manager received medical aid for her injuries which included bruising to the face and scratches on her neck and face.

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “When force is used to get away with stolen property, the offense is elevated to felony robbery under the law. Shoplifters who escalate their crime by use of force can expect robbery charges, which are punishable by up to 5 years in prison.”

Following the jury’s verdict, a court trial on the bifurcated prior-conviction allegations is scheduled for December 19, 2025, in Department 5 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable J. Eric Bradshaw. A sentencing date will follow. Melissa Singh is facing up to five years in state prison. Julian Singh is facing up to 11 years in state prison. He faces a substantially enhanced sentence because of a prior “serious” felony conviction. As a result of this prior strike, his potential sentence is doubled, in addition to a five-year sentencing enhancement.

Melissa Singh:



Julian Singh:

