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Reyes Convicted of Attempted Murder Among Other Charges in Bakersfield Shooting
People v. Tony Reyes: Kern County Superior Court Case BF193896A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury verdict in a case involving attempted murders in Bakersfield. On January 27, 2026, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jamila Ha, a Kern County jury convicted Tony Reyes, age 43, of two counts of attempted murder, two counts of assault with a semi-automatic firearm, and two counts of shooting at an occupied vehicle. The jury also found true that Reyes personally used and discharged the firearm.

On the evening of January 5, 2021, a mom and juvenile daughter witnessed a traffic collision at the intersection of Wilson Road and South H Street involving a silver BMW driven by Tony Reyes. Reyes fled the scene immediately after the collision. As the adult victim continued driving in the area, she observed the same silver BMW parked near the intersection of Custer Avenue and South H Street. Reyes then exited the vehicle and ran toward the victims' moving car while armed with two firearms. From a close distance, Reyes fired multiple rounds at the victims' vehicle. At least one round penetrated the front passenger window, striking the area where the juvenile victim was seated. Neither victim sustained life-threatening injuries.

Later that night, witnesses reported a suspicious silver BMW parked on Marshall Street that showed visible signs of having been involved in a traffic collision. Responding officers learned that the suspect admitted to witnesses that he had been drinking and had previously been involved in an incident on South H Street. Evidence collected confirmed Reyes as the driver of the BMW at the time of the incident.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Those who act recklessly and inflict violence on families within the community must be dealt with to the fullest extent of the law. It is a miracle that neither victim suffered life-threatening injuries, but the trauma of this incident is one they will carry for a lifetime."

Sentencing is set for February 26, 2026, before the Honorable Judge Gloria Cannon in Department 5 of the Kern County Superior Court. Reyes faces up to 7 years to life in prison.

Tony Reyes:

