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Parks Found Guilty of Assaulting Stranger with Deadly Weapon Over Money
People v. Daniel Parks: Kern County Superior Court Case 25BFA00634

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a felony conviction today. On February 17, 2026, in a case presented by Deputy District Attorney Wooyoung Kim, a Kern County jury found Daniel Parks guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury, and petty theft.

On October 12, 2025 at approximately 11:45am, the victim was sitting in his disabled vehicle awaiting assistance. At this time, Parks approached the vehicle and entered through the rear driver's side door. Parks took money from the victim, exited the vehicle, and continued to linger outside of the vehicle as he asked for more cash. When the victim refused, Parks pulled out a knife, reached inside the vehicle, and began assaulting the victim with a knife. After some struggle, the victim was able to escape the attack. Parks retrieved additional money and fled on foot.

As a result of the incident, the victim suffered five linear lacerations directly under his left eye, measuring approximately half an inch in length each. Additionally, the victim's left eye was swollen, bruised and black in color. He also suffered a visible laceration near his right eye.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "This individual chose to commit an assault with a weapon in pursuit of money. Actions that disregard the safety of others are unacceptable and come with real consequences."

Sentencing is set for March 17, 2026 before the Honorable Eric Bradshaw in Department 3 of the Kern County Superior Court. Parks faces up to 4 years in prison.

Daniel Parks:

