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**Jury Convicts Vasquez of First-Degree Felony Murder Committed
During the Commission of a Robbery**
People v. Cesar Vasquez: Kern County Superior Court Case BF190756A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant murder conviction. On April 30, 2026, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Leanne Wilder, a Kern County jury found Cesar Vasquez guilty of First Degree Felony Murder with the special circumstance that the murder happened during the commission of a robbery. In addition, Vasquez was also convicted of attempted robbery and robbery. The allegations of being personally armed with a firearm and personally discharging a firearm causing death were found to be true.

In the afternoon of July 3, 2022, Kern County Sheriff Deputies were dispatched to Gravity Tobacco in Oildale for reports of a shooting that had occurred. Upon their arrival, they found Odulio Rodriguez suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Mr. Rodriguez succumbed to his injuries at the scene. Upon investigation, Vasquez is seen on video surveillance arriving to Gravity Tobacco, committing the homicide, and fleeing in his vehicle. The video surveillance, in addition to evidence collected at the scene, led Deputies to Vasquez.

Vasquez was arrested and interviewed by homicide detectives a few days after the homicide. During the interrogation, Vasquez confessed to robbing Gravity Tobacco on July 3, 2022 and shooting and killing Odulio Rodriguez during the robbery. He also admitted to a previous robbery he had committed at the same location on May 20, 2022. It was discovered that the business hired Odulio Rodriguez as a security guard because of the robbery that occurred on May 20th by the defendant. Odulio had only been working as a security guard at the business for two weeks.

There were several customers and employees inside the business at the time of the crime. One customer present during the crime testified at trial that the victim saved her life and without him intervening that day, she believed she would have died at the hands of Vasquez.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "No one deserves to lose their life to a senseless, selfish acts of violence. While nothing can undo the life that has been taken, the gravity of a homicide

committed in the course of another felony warrants a sentence ensuring that Vasquez will never again walk free in our community.”

Sentencing is set to be heard by the Honorable Eric Bradshaw on June 2, 2026 at 8:30am in Department 3 of the Kern County Superior Court. Cesar Vasquez faces a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Cesar Vasquez:

