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Jury Convicts ‘Malibu Sniper’ in Kern County Prison Battery Case Involving Staff Member
People v. Anthony Rauda BV3934: Kern County Superior Court Case DF019194A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury trial conviction on a case in which an inmate at Kern Valley State Prison committed battery on the prison’s physician.

On May 14, 2026, a Kern County Jury found Inmate Anthony Rauda guilty of one felony count of battery by an inmate on a non-inmate. On May 16, 2026, in a separate proceeding, the same jury found it true that Rauda had served a prior term in state prison, that he had numerous criminal convictions, and that he had previously been convicted of one count of murder and three counts of attempted murder in Los Angeles County. The four prior convictions fall within the three strikes law, making Rauda eligible for an elevated punishment. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Steven Barile.

On September 11, 2024, Rauda attacked a doctor at the prison after being evaluated for a medical accommodation. When Rauda was told that he did not meet the prison's criteria to be given the accommodation, Rauda became angry. The doctor referred Rauda to the nurse's station to avoid further contact with Rauda. When the doctor began to walk back to his office, Rauda attacked the doctor, striking him in the back of the head. The doctor attempted to defend himself, but Rauda continued to strike him. Correctional Officers were able to intervene and detain Rauda. The doctor suffered minor injuries to his neck and right ear.

Rauda’s convictions in Los Angeles County stemmed from Rauda stalking Malibu Park in 2018 and shooting at motorists and campers in a series of attacks. Ultimately, he shot a man to death at a campground who was sleeping in a tent next to his two daughters ages four and two. Rauda was referred to as the ‘Malibu Sniper’. He was sentenced in Los Angeles County on June 7, 2023 to 119 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “Kern County prisons house some of the most violent and dangerous offenders in the state. When inmates commit new crimes while incarcerated, those offenses must be prosecuted with the same diligence as crimes committed in our communities. Accountability remains essential and this office is committed to prioritizing public safety by ensuring that repeat offenders receive

appropriate sentences for their crimes.”

Sentencing is scheduled for June 15, 2026, before the honorable Judge Brian McNamara in Department 7 of the Kern County Superior Court. As three strike offender, Rauda is facing an additional 25 years to life in prison.

Anthony Rauda:

