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**DA Zimmer Announces the Filing of Criminal Charges Against the
Independence High School Shooter**

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announces that the District Attorney's Office has filed criminal charges against the juvenile who is alleged to have shot and killed another on August 21, 2026, during a football game at Independence High School in Bakersfield, CA.

A detention hearing¹ is set for tomorrow, August 26, 2026, at 8:30am at the Juvenile Justice Center located at 2100 College Ave, in Bakersfield, CA. Juvenile hearings are typically closed to the public, but since this is a homicide case, it is anticipated that the courtroom will be open to the public. Following the hearing, District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer will briefly address the media at Juvenile court to provide a case update.

As with any criminal case, a minor is presumed innocent unless and until the charges are proven in court beyond a reasonable doubt.

¹A detention hearing in juvenile court is the equivalent to an arraignment hearing in adult court.