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Jury Convicts Cervantes in Fatal Bakersfield Shooting
People v. Michael Angel Cervantes: Kern County Superior Court Case BF176872B

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant verdict in a homicide case. On September 4, 2026, in a case prosecuted by Supervising Deputy District Attorney Felicia Nagle, a Kern County jury found Michael Angel Cervantes guilty of second-degree murder for the shooting death of Bryan Redman. The jury also found true the allegation that Cervantes personally and intentionally discharged a firearm, causing Redman’s death.

The jury further convicted Cervantes of being a felon in possession of a firearm and of misdemeanor resisting arrest arising from a separate incident on June 7, 2019.

During the early morning hours of May 26, 2019, Cervantes arrived near Redman’s residence in a white vehicle. Redman was known to Cervantes as Cervantes often frequented the area near the victim’s home. Surveillance video captured the confrontation and showed a male shooter approaching Redman and firing a gun at him. Cervantes fled the area in the white vehicle.

The investigation included surveillance footage, witness identifications, physical evidence, and statements Cervantes made following the shooting. The evidence established that Cervantes was the male depicted in the surveillance footage and that he intentionally shot and killed Redman, following a dispute.

On June 7, 2019, law enforcement officers encountered Cervantes. Cervantes fled from the officers and discarded a firearm while being pursued. He was subsequently taken into custody.

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; “This verdict holds Michael Cervantes accountable for taking Bryan Redman’s life and attempting to evade responsibility for his crimes. Despite his efforts to conceal his identity and flee from law enforcement, diligent investigative work and a careful presentation of the evidence allowed the jury to reach a just verdict.”

Sentencing is scheduled for October 6, 2026, before the Honorable Judge Zulfa in Department 18 of the Kern County Superior Court. Cervantes faces 55 years to life in prison.

Michael Angel Cervantes:

