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Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant conviction in an assault and brandishing a firearm at peace officer case today.

On July 26, 2019, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Richard Choi, a Kern County jury convicted David Anthony of five counts of Assault with a Firearm, five counts of Brandishing a Firearm at a Peace Officer, as well as additional charges relating to narcotics sales and unlawful firearms possession.

On May 1, 2019 at about 4:10 am, Ridgecrest Police Officers executed a search warrant at The Knight's Inn located at 706 N. Balsam Street, Ridgecrest, CA 93555. After making numerous announcements of "Ridgecrest Police Department. Search Warrant!" entry was made by the officers. As entry was made, the defendant was on the bed extending both his arms out, pointing a children's diaper at each of the officers as they came into the motel room. After a brief standoff, the defendant dropped the diaper revealing that it had concealed a loaded Smith & Wesson 9mm semi-automatic handgun. The search revealed over 200 grams of methamphetamine [approximately 2000 doses], over 10 grams of heroin, and numerous other indicators of narcotics sales.

The case is scheduled for an additional hearing on August 12, 2019 related to an allegation that the defendant has had a previous qualifying "strike" felony conviction, at which time a date for formal sentencing will be set. When sentenced, David Anthony faces a prison term of more than thirty years.

David Anthony:

