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Aggravated Mayhem Conviction for Man Who Ripped Out Victim's Eye

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant conviction today. On June 17, 2019, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Stephanie Zigler, a Kern County jury found defendant Isaac Manuel Orozco guilty of all charges for counts involving aggravated mayhem, residential burglary, assault with a deadly weapon and attempted aggravated mayhem.

On October 1, 2018, Orozco forced entry into the victims' home and assaulted the occupants inside. During the assault, Orozco had one victim face down on the floor and was on top of the victim. Orozco reached around the victim's head and completely pulled out the victim's left eye. Orozco then attempted to pull out the victim's right eye, but was unsuccessful.

Aggravated Mayhem is a crime that applies when a person intentionally causes permanent disability or disfigurement of another person, or deprives another person of a limb, organ, or member of his body. Aggravated mayhem is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for life with the possibility of parole.

Notified of the verdict, District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented that "Any conviction for aggravated mayhem involves life-long, often irreparable injuries to victims of the crime. The law demands that perpetrators of such horrendous acts be sent to prison for life."

Orozco's sentencing is scheduled for August 14, 2019 in Department 2, where he faces a potential life sentence as a result of the convictions.