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Re: Jury Trial Conviction for Robbery with a Firearm

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a conviction after trial in a serious case today. On January 29, 2019, a Kern County Jury found defendant Alejandro Javier Gonzalez guilty of felony charges of robbery, criminal threats, and being a felon in unlawful possession of a firearm. The jury further found true that Gonzalez personally used a firearm during the commission of the robbery.

On February 2nd, 2018, Gonzalez entered an Internet Casino on Niles Street and demanded money from the cashier. When the cashier refused, the defendant produced a silver revolver and pointed it at the cashier, demanding the money. The victim complied with the demands, and provided a small sum of money to Gonzalez. Gonzalez was apprehended by waiting officers of the Bakersfield Police Department immediately after exiting the business, and the firearm was recovered along with gloves, a mask, and the loss from the business.

Additional enhancements pertaining to Gonzalez' previous criminal history were found to be true in a subsequent court-trial.

Gonzalez is scheduled to be sentenced on February 27, 2019. Due to recent changes in criminal sentencing provisions, the sentencing judge has considerable discretion in imposing an appropriate sentence, which could range as high as 27 years.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Brad King under case # BF 171143 A.