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Kern County District Attorney Lisa Green announced a significant conviction in a homicide case today. On September 27, 2018, a Kern County jury found Eldrick Richmond guilty of first degree murder. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Courtney Lewis.

On October 14, 2017, Delenna Ruiz was walking near Baker and 21st Streets when she met Eldrick Richmond. Ms. Ruiz and Richmond decided to pool their money together so they could get a motel room for the night. They checked into the Town and Country Motel shortly before 3 a.m. At approximately 10:57 a.m., Richmond called 911 and reported that Ms. Ruiz attacked him with a stick and he defended himself.

Bakersfield Police Department officers arrived on scene and found Ms. Ruiz on the floor deceased. She suffered blunt force trauma to her face and head. A forensic pathologist determined that Ms. Ruiz died from strangulation.

The sentencing date is set for October 25, 2018, before the Honorable John D. Oglesby. Richmond faces a sentence of 55 years to life in prison.