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RE: Case Resolution: People v. Armani Bonner et.al, BF175531 CDE

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a plea in the homicide case involving defendants Armani Bonner, Donnie Nolen, and Isaiah Starns today.

Donnie Nolen pled to involuntary manslaughter with a gang enhancement for 16 years in prison. Armani Bonner pled to assault resulting in great bodily injury with a gang enhancement for 10 years in prison.

Isaiah Starns pled to assault resulting in great bodily injury with a gang enhancement for 6 years in prison.

All three of the defendants are alleged to be members of the East Side Crips criminal street gang.

On February 2, 2019, there was a birthday party at 7460 District Boulevard where rap artists performed inside the venue as entertainment. Several members of the East Side Crips criminal street gang were at the party. Toward the end of the party, many attendees walked out into the parking lot. A fight ensued, and victim Aron Porter was fatally stabbed.

An additional suspect, Anthony English, is currently in the process of extradition from the State of Pennsylvania to face charges for the offense.

Sentencing is set for September 15, 2020 in Department 1 of the Kern County Superior Court.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the resolution, stating "When gang-related activity is a driving force in a felony, we will continue to pursue gang enhancements that impose higher penalties for crimes motivated by gang affiliation."