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Re: Jury Trial Sexual Assault Conviction: Devon Robinson BF174379A

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury trial conviction on a significant sexual assault case today. On Friday March 5, 2021, a Kern County jury found Devon Jace Robinson guilty of Forcible Rape, Assault with Intent to Commit Sodomy, Domestic Violence, and Criminal Threats for a June 2018 incident in Bakersfield. It was also found true that Robinson inflicted great bodily injury and used a deadly weapon during the commission of the offense.

The jury also issued acquittals on some charges relating to the incident, including Kidnapping, Oral Copulation by Force. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Brad Taconi.

On June 23, 2018, the victim was out celebrating a friend's birthday at the Syndicate Lounge in downtown Bakersfield. Upon her arrival at the bar, the victim was confronted by her ex-boyfriend, Devon Jace Robinson. After grabbing her by the arm and leading her out of the bar, Robinson put the victim in his car and drove her back to his residence. While at his residence, Robinson told the victim he would kill her and sexually assaulted the victim against her will. At some point during the assault, Robinson stabbed the victim in the leg with a knife. At one point, Robinson fell asleep and the victim was able to use her smart watch to contact her parents who located her hiding in the bushes outside of Robinson's apartment.

Kern County Sheriff's Detectives contacted the victim and developed the corroborating evidence that assisted in substantiating the charges. Deputies identified and sought Robinson the day after the assault, but learned that Robinson had fled Kern County only hours after the assault. Robinson was located and apprehended in Las Vegas in July of 2019, at which point he was returned to Kern County to face the felony charges.

Robinson faces up to 24 years, 8 months in prison as a result of the convictions. Sentencing is scheduled for April 7, 2021 before the Honorable Charles R. Brehmer in Department 4 of the Kern County Superior Court.

Devon Jace Robinson:

