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**Jury Trial Conviction: Robbery/Shooting: Raymond Anthony Rojas, Kern County Superior Court
Case #BF184863B**

Bakersfield – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury verdict in a significant violent crime today. On May 18, 2022, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Melanie Ayala, a Kern County jury found defendant Raymond Anthony Rojas guilty of one count of Second-Degree Robbery and one count of Shooting at an Occupied Vehicle and found true several firearm allegations and a great bodily injury allegation alleged for the July 17, 2021, shooting of a 23-year-old male victim. The jury also found Rojas guilty of additional charges, including being a felon in possession of ammunition and firearms on two separate occasions and possession of a stolen vehicle.

During the afternoon of July 17, 2021, the victim drove to an O'Reilly Auto Parts store in the Oildale area. After parking his vehicle in a parking space, the victim, who was seated in the driver seat, took money out to lend to another occupant in his car. It was at this time that Rojas drove and parked his vehicle immediately behind the victim's vehicle, blocking the victim, and approached the driver side window while holding a firearm. Rojas pointed the firearm at the victim and other occupants of the vehicle while the windows were rolled up and demanded the victim's money. After several demands, Mr. Rojas shot through the closed driver-side window, and the shot struck the victim in the left leg, shattering his femur.

On March 27, 2021 and August 4, 2021, police officers found Rojas to be in the illegal possession of two firearms, over three hundred rounds of live ammunition, and a stolen vehicle.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction, stating, "Robberies that are perpetrated with firearms often escalate to violence, as happened here. The dangers imposed upon the community and the harms suffered by the victim demand a strong response to ensure public safety."

Sentencing is scheduled for June 21, 2022 in Department 2 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable Judge Judith Dulcich, where Rojas is expected to face a potential sentence of more than 50 years to life in prison.