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Re: Murder Trial Verdict: *People v. Daniel Olguin*: Kern County Superior Court Case #BF176390A

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant murder conviction today. In a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney John Allen, a Kern County jury found defendant Daniel Olguin guilty of first-degree murder and assault by a life inmate causing death. In an additional proceeding, the court found it to be true that Olguin had been convicted of a prior murder.

On July 15th, 2018, Daniel Olguin was housed in Kern Valley State Prison, where he was serving time on a sentence for a murder conviction that occurred in San Bernardino County. Olguin's sentence from San Bernardino was a life sentence, but one that ultimately included the possibility of parole. Olguin was housed with a cellmate, Eric Moreno. During the evening hours, of June 15th, 2018, California Department of Corrections (CDCR) guards conducted a routine check of the cells. Upon arriving at Olguin and Moreno's cell, guards discovered Moreno's hands and feet bound together ("hogtied") with an additional ligature tied around his neck. Olguin was extracted from the cell while CDCR personnel immediately began life saving efforts on his cellmate. Moreno was unresponsive, not breathing, and did not have a pulse. Moreno was rushed to Delano Regional Medical Center where he was ultimately pronounced deceased. An autopsy confirmed Moreno had been strangled to death.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the verdict, stating; "Kern County's five state prisons house many violent offenders. Many of those violent offenders are serving a life sentence for homicide. The defendant, already in custody for a brutal homicide, strangled his cellmate. The Kern County District Attorney's Office does not neglect the victims of violence within state prison walls and seeks the maximum punishment for all murderers, including those already serving a life sentence."

Sentencing is scheduled for September 21, 2022, before Superior Court Judge Brian McNamara. Defendant Daniel Olguin faces a potential sentence of life *without* the possibility of parole.

Daniel Olguin:

