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Re: First-Degree Murder Conviction, People v. Gary Jennings, BF185194A

On November 8, 2022, a Kern County jury found Gary Jennings guilty of the First-Degree murder of Corey Fisher occurring on April 18th, 2021, along with additional felonies of discharging a firearm causing death and possessing a firearm having previously been convicted of a felony. This case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Cole Sherman.

On the evening of April 18, 2021, Gary Jennings pursued a white truck (with an unidentified driver) which was driving recklessly through the Rosedale Inn parking lot. During the pursuit, Jennings fired a single shot from a .25 caliber firearm at the white truck. Jennings later returned to the motel parking lot and parked near the room where he was staying. As he exited his vehicle, a group of people on the second-floor outdoor walkway began arguing with Jennings, accusing him of being the driver of the white truck. Jennings responded by removing his firearm from his vehicle and brandishing it to the group.

The victim, Corey Fisher, who was standing on the second-floor walkway confronted Jennings, telling him to put the gun away as there were kids around, but Jennings refused to do so. Jennings continued to argue and brandish the firearm. Fisher walked to the end of the balcony, down the stairs, and walked towards Jennings confronting him saying "if you pull out a gun you better be ready to use it." Fisher's hands were at his sides, and he was unarmed. Jennings raised the gun, walked around his vehicle toward Fisher, and fired a single shot at Fisher's chest. Fisher collapsed and ultimately succumbed to a single gunshot wound. After shooting the victim, Jennings and his girlfriend fled to Tulare, CA where he was ultimately arrested on April 22, 2021, by the Bakersfield Police Department.

When interviewed by detectives on April 22, 2021, Jennings denied having anything to do with the shooting and claimed he had left the Rosedale Inn before the shooting occurred. The investigation located surveillance video from the Rosedale Inn which captured the incident. Ballistic evidence from the Kern Regional Crime Lab proved that the same .25 caliber firearm fired the earlier shot at the white truck and

the shot that killed the victim. After learning of this evidence, Jennings testified at trial that he did shoot the unarmed victim who never had a weapon, but claimed he acted in self-defense.

Cynthia Zimmer stated, “Convicted felons, like Gary Jennings, who illegally possess firearms represent a danger to our community. Those who commit heinous acts of violence against unarmed citizens will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.”

Jennings faces up to 50 years to life in prison for these crimes of violence. Sentencing is scheduled for December 9, 2022, before the Honorable Charles R. Brehmer.