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Two Gang Members Found Guilty of Attempted Murder and Additional Charges
People v. Goosby and Smith: Kern County Superior Court Case BF189455AB

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury verdict today involving a gang-related shooting.

On July 21, 2023, and July 25, 2023, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Melanie Ayala, a Kern County jury convicted Ronald Goosby of several counts including Conspiracy to Commit Murder, Attempted Murder with premeditation and deliberation, and two counts of Assault with a Semiautomatic Firearm with true findings on all alleged gang and firearm enhancements. Co-defendant Joshua Smith was convicted of Attempted Murder by means of premeditation and deliberation and lying in wait and two counts of Assault with a Semiautomatic Firearm with true findings on all alleged gang, great bodily injury, and firearm enhancements.

On March 18, 2022, Goosby and Smith, both affiliated with the East Side Crips criminal street gang, met one another at the Quik Shop Mini-Mart, located at 349 Union Avenue. They targeted a perceived male gang rival with Smith shooting the male subject seven times causing him serious injuries. During the shooting, an innocent female was shot as well. Goosby and Smith were apprehended by law enforcement shortly after fleeing the scene.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Gang activity is a true danger to our community. As seen with this incident, although not the direct target, innocent bystanders often become victim of a horrible crime."

Sentencing is scheduled for September 11, 2023, in Department 8 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable Gregory A. Pulskamp. Both Goosby and Smith face multiple life sentences in prison.

Ronald Goosby:



Joshua Smith:

