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Robinson Found Guilty of Stealing Motor Vehicle from Generous Stranger
People v. Trammell Robinson: Kern County Superior Court Case RF009217A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced an Office of Traffic Safety Unit conviction. In a case presented by Deputy District Attorney Brandon Stallings, a Kern County jury found Trammell Robinson guilty of taking a motor vehicle, driving under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of controlled substance, and possession of paraphernalia. The jury also found sentencing enhancements to be true that the Defendant took advantage of a position of trust in stealing the vehicle and that he caused great monetary damage to the victim.

In January of 2023, the victim met Robinson, who appeared to be homeless, at a gas station in Ridgecrest. The victim felt sorry for Robinson and offered to let Robinson stay with him for a couple of days. Robinson stayed with him for several days until early on January 14, 2023, the Defendant stole a key to the victim's vehicle, taking both the vehicle and a flatbed trailer belonging to the victim. The victim was recently honorably discharged from the military and was using the vehicle and trailer as his sole source of income. Robinson and the vehicle were found several hours later by Ridgecrest Police Department where Robinson displayed objective symptoms of being under the influence of methamphetamine.

Through further investigation, Robinson was found to be under the influence of methamphetamine. A blood sample analyzed by the Kern Regional Crime Lab revealed that Robinson had almost eight times the therapeutic amount of methamphetamine in his system. A search of the stolen vehicle revealed a syringe loaded with liquid methamphetamine and paraphernalia to smoke it.

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Sadly, a well-intentioned individual fell victim to Robinson's deceitful acts. As a reminder to the community, please remember to exercise caution, even when your hearts are filled with generosity."

Sentencing is set for December 12, 2023, before Superior Court Judge Gregory Pulskamp. Robinson faces 7 years and 4 months in state prison.

Trammell Robinson:

