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Jordan Found Guilty of Second-Degree Murder
People v. James Jordan: Kern County Superior Court Case BF176755A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant murder conviction. In a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Christine Antonios, a Kern County jury found James Jordan guilty of Second-Degree Murder with the Personal Use of a Deadly Weapon.

On May 15, 2019, Jordan stabbed Viridy Jones to death outside the Johnny Quick Stop market on 4th St. and Union Ave in Bakersfield. After the stabbing the victim over ten times with a pocketknife, Jordan left the scene and turned himself into the Bakersfield Police Department (BPD) hours later.

Jordan claimed that he killed Jones in self-defense, however, Detectives uncovered that Jones and Jordan were both in a romantic relationship with the same woman leading up to this incident. After the initial investigation, additional evidence was reviewed by BPD Detectives from the Human Trafficking Task Force who determined that Jordan was not only engaged in a personal relationship with the woman, but also a professional relationship with her in which he profited from her acts of prostitution. Evidence of his motive to kill Jones in addition to supporting evidence was contrary to his claims of self-defense.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "It's disheartening to witness the acts of violence that plague our community. However, today I'm grateful for our justice system, as a dangerous individual is off our streets."

Sentencing is set for January 3, 2024, in the Kern County Superior Courthouse. Jordan faces up to 36 years to life in prison.

James Jordon:

