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Keith Tobler Found Guilty of Attempted Murder

People v. Keith Brian Tobler: Kern County Superior Court Case BF189233A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant conviction. On January 26, 2024, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Cyrus Shahbazian, a Kern County jury found Keith Brian Tobler guilty of Attempted Murder. The jury also found true that Tobler discharged a firearm resulting in great bodily injury to the victim.

On February 11, 2022, Officers with the Bakersfield Police Department (BPD) were dispatched to a gas station located near the intersection of 34th Street and Q Street after reports that a victim had been struck in the face by gunfire. The victim was transported to the hospital and suffered a through-and-through gunshot wound to his face, causing significant facial fractures. Officers subsequently identified Tobler as the shooter.

Video surveillance depicted Tobler walking across the street and confronting the victim who was pumping gas. After a brief conversation, Tobler brandished a firearm and fired one round at the victim's face from point blank range. The bullet entered his left cheek and exited through the right. Tobler then ran back to his vehicle that was parked across the street and fled the scene. On March 3, 2022, BPD's Violent Criminal Apprehension Team located and arrested Tobler.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Tobler's disregard for human life is unacceptable. Our community's safety is top priority, and actions that endanger others will not be tolerated."

Sentencing is set for February 27, 2024, before the Honorable Judge Brian McNamara in Department 7 of the Kern County Superior Court. Tobler faces up to 62 years to life in prison.

Keith Tobler:

