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Sanchez Found Guilty of Criminal Threats Against Ex-Girlfriend
People v. Ray Anthony Sanchez: Kern County Superior Court Case DF016978A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a trial verdict. On May 29, 2024, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Jordan Webster, a Kern County jury found Ray Anthony Sanchez guilty of criminal threats.

Sanchez terrorized his ex-girlfriend on various occasions. On March 25, 2021, the victim received photographs in a text message from a telephone number she recognized as belonging to Sanchez. The photos showed items in her home being destroyed.

On April 9, 2021, the victim received a call from an unknown number and recognized Sanchez's voice when she answered. During this call, Sanchez told the victim her body would end up in a trashcan.

On April 24, 2021, the victim once again received and answered a call from an unknown number. During this call, Sanchez told the victim "I am going to take you to a dark room. I am going to put you in a black bag. And I am going to put that bag in a garbage can."

On December 11, 2021, Sanchez sent the victim a text message with a photo of his hand. Sanchez had previously tattooed the victim's name on the back of his hand, and in the text message he was showing the victim that he had added the letters "R.I.P" above the victim's name.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "What starts off as verbal threats can likely escalate to physical and even life-threatening incidents. Fortunately, as a third strike offender, Sanchez will no longer be of harm as he faces a substantial sentence."

A prior convictions hearing is set for June 3, 2024, in Department 8 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable Judge Tiffany Organ-Bowles. A sentencing date is forthcoming. This conviction is Sanchez's third strike offense. Sanchez has a prior 2006 strike for Attempted Murder, as well as a 2016 strike for participation in a criminal street gang. Consequently, Sanchez is facing up to 35 years to life in

prison.

Ray Anthony Sanchez:

