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Streams Found Guilty of Pandering on Union Ave
People v. Kenyon Streams: Kern County Superior Court Case BF194541A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a verdict on a significant Pandering case. On June 6, 2024, a Kern County jury found Kenyon Streams guilty of pandering, a crime relating to the increasing presence of Human Trafficking within Kern County. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Leanne Wilder.

In April of 2023, Streams provided security and protection to a victim while she was working as a commercial sex worker in the area of Union Avenue in Bakersfield. Undercover detectives from the Bakersfield Police Department VICE Unit watched Streams provide protection to the victim for over an hour and a half while she actively engaged in prostitution and attempted to solicit clients. Undercover detectives in the area observed the woman get into Streams' car and drive to another location. Streams and the victim were contacted by officers and Streams was later interviewed. During the interview, he lied about what he was doing in the area and ultimately admitted, several times, to assisting her by providing protection and security. When his vehicle was searched, a replica firearm was located near the center console. Streams was arrested as a result.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Human trafficking has become both a state-wide and global epidemic. In order to combat it, it is crucial that we view the issue from all angles – including the prosecution of those who encourage illegal sex acts for their own benefit."

Sentencing is set for July 9, 2024, before the Honorable Charles Brehmer in Department 4 of the Kern County Superior Court. Streams faces up to 6 years in state prison.