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**Gang Member Sentenced for Attempted Carjackings in NW Bakersfield**  
*People v. Nathaniel Jones: Kern County Superior Court Case BF196953A*

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a sentencing update on a case involving multiple armed attempted carjackings. On May 17, 2024, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Melanie Ayala, a Kern County jury convicted Nathaniel Jones of three counts of attempted carjacking, one count of assault with a firearm, one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm, and one count of resisting, delaying, or obstructing a peace officer. Two firearms enhancements were also found true.

On June 26, 2024, the Honorable Judge Tiffany Organ-Bowles sentenced Jones to 27 years and 4 months in prison.

On November 11, 2023, Jones, an East Side Crip gang member, attempted to carjack several victims driving in three separate vehicles in northwest Bakersfield. During the attempted carjackings, Jones pointed a firearm, made oral commands for certain victims to exit the vehicle, and even forcefully tugged the driver's side door handle during one of the incidents. Luckily, all victims were able to drive away safely. Jones was apprehended shortly after where he resisted, delayed, and obstructed law enforcement from successfully detaining him by not complying with orders.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented, "I'm grateful that the victims in these incidents were able to escape unharmed. Thanks to this conviction, Jones will no longer have the ability terrorize our community."

Nathaniel Jones:

