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Man Convicted of Driving Under the Influence Causing Great Bodily Injury
People v. Sean Tokash: Kern County Superior Court Case BF190163A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced an Office of Traffic Safety unit conviction today. On November 12, 2024, in a case presented by Deputy District Attorney Brandon Stallings, a Kern County jury found defendant Sean Tokash guilty of driving under the influence causing great bodily injury to one of the victims and found true that multiple victims were harmed.

On April 23, 2022, a husband, wife, and their two children were travelling westbound on Olive Drive in Bakersfield. They entered the intersection of Calloway and Olive as they proceeded through a green light. Once they entered the intersection, Tokash, travelling Northbound on Calloway, ran a red light and struck the victims' vehicle, causing both vehicles to come to rest 50 feet from the point of impact. The driver of the victim vehicle (the husband) was diagnosed with a broken vertebra, internal injuries, as well as pain to his elbow and wrist. The passenger of the victim vehicle (the wife) was diagnosed with multiple fractured vertebrae, internal bleeding which still requires surgery, as well as fractures to her ribs. The two minor children in the backseat were thankfully uninjured. A bystander who remained on scene testified at trial that Tokash almost struck him as well as he was navigating a left turn.

Through investigation of the Bakersfield Police Department, Tokash was found to be under the influence of alcohol, with a breath alcohol content of 0.089% and 0.095%.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "Although Tokash is now facing accountability, it's difficult to make up for what this family endured. My hope is that he makes more responsible choices moving forward."

Sentencing is set for December 12, 2024, in Department 5 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable Judge John Lua. Tokash faces 6 years in state prison.

Sean Tokash:

