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**Inmate Found Guilty of Assault on Prisoner with a Deadly Weapon**  
*People v. Jonathan Pugh.: Kern County Superior Court Case DF017261A*

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant prison conviction. On January 21, 2025, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Babbanjit “Bobby” Singh, a Kern County Jury found Jonathan Pugh guilty of Assault by an Inmate with a Deadly weapon, Assault on a Prisoner with Force Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury, and Inmate Possession of Weapon.

On June 6, 2022, Jonathan Pugh was a prison inmate housed at the Kern Valley State Prison in Delano, California. At 6:50 p.m., Pugh approached the inmate victim on the upper tier of the Dayroom, inside of a housing unit, and attacked him by striking him in the face and upper torso with a sharp instrument commonly known as a “shank”. The victim survived the attack but suffered a laceration, scrapes, and puncture wounds consistent with a sharp instrument.

Following the jury’s verdict for Assault with a Deadly Weapon and related charges, the impaneled Jury found Pugh had prior serious or violent convictions for attempted murder and assault with a firearm.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "The defendant's actions demonstrate a clear and alarming disregard for human life. Given the violent nature of this crime and the ongoing threat he poses to public safety, it is crucial that he face the maximum prison sentence allowable under the law."

Sentencing is scheduled for February 25, 2025, before the honorable Judge Tiffany Organ-Bowles in Department 8 of the Kern County Superior Court. Pugh faces and additional 17 years in state prison.

Jonathan Pugh:

