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Peter Ziehler Convicted of Multiple Charges for Assaulting Delivery Driver with Bat
People v. Peter Issac Ziehler: Kern County Superior Court Case BF181627A

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a felony conviction. On February 26, 2025, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Victor Ghaly, a Kern County jury found defendant Peter Ziehler guilty of Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Vandalism. While the jury was unable to reach a verdict on 2nd Degree Robbery, Ziehler admitted guilt to petty theft.

On June 30, 2020, the victim worked as a delivery driver for a cannabis distributor and received an order for "Louie." When the victim arrived at the delivery location on the corner of Ming Ave and Stine Rd in Bakersfield, the Defendant identified himself as Louie. After the victim exited his vehicle and looked down at a tablet to confirm the order, Ziehler struck him with a bat. The victim used his hand to block Ziehler from striking his head and retreated from Ziehler, who demanded all the items in the victim's pockets.

Ziehler chased the victim away and prohibited him from coming back to his vehicle. The victim then observed Ziehler approach the delivery van. When the victim returned to the vehicle with law enforcement, it was discovered that the van was severely damaged and that product was missing. The victim was able to identify Ziehler through a photo lineup. When officers arrested him, Ziehler was found with cannabis product on his person.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented; "The defendant had a clear plan the day of the assault, one that put the victim, a stranger, in extreme harms way. This conviction not only delivers justice for the victim, but also strengthens public safety, ensuring greater protection for the entire community."

Sentencing is set for March 27, 2025, before the Honorable Chrales Brehmer in Department 4 of the Kern County Superior Court. Ziehler faces up 13 years in prison.

Peter Ziehler:

