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Jury Trial Conviction For Third Strike Offender: Hiram Salcedo BF 173870A

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant jury trial conviction for a third-strike offender Robbery case today. On Wednesday, July 9, 2020, a Kern County jury found Hiram Salcedo guilty of second-degree robbery, attempted robbery, resisting arrest, providing false identification, and three counts of brandishing a replica firearm. The court also found true allegations that Salcedo had suffered two qualifying “strike prior” convictions. The case was prosecuted by DDA James Bass.

On September 23, 2018, Hiram Salcedo brandished an imitation firearm against a victim who successfully escaped the robbery. After failing at his first attempt, Salcedo approached a cashier at a recycling center at 401 Fairfax Road, in Bakersfield, brandished an imitation firearm, and demanded cash from the victim. After robbing the Recycling center, a witness followed Salcedo, who responded by brandishing the imitation firearm at the witness. Salcedo fled to a nearby apartment complex on Guinness Way, where KCSO SWAT deputies engaged in an over 4 hour standoff after Salcedo barricaded himself inside his apartment and initially refused to surrender. Deputies located a bb-gun designed to replicate a genuine firearm that was determined to be the weapon used during the robberies.

The court also found true that Salcedo has two qualifying previous cases that qualify as “strike prior” convictions, including one in 2017 involving making criminal threats and one in 2015 involving another robbery. Salcedo had been released from prison on parole by the California Department of Corrections just 29 days before the crimes he committed in this case.

The robbery and attempted robbery convictions in this case are Salcedo’s third and fourth serious or violent felony strike convictions. At his sentencing, the Salcedo faces a penalty as high as 55 years to life in prison.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction, stating that “Repeat offenders who refuse to stop victimizing our community are exactly why the three-strikes law is important. Criminals who terrorize our county time and time again deserve the higher punishment that comes with a third strike conviction.”

Sentencing is scheduled for October 7, 2020 before the Honorable John Lua.