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Triple Murder Trial Conviction: Tokunbo Okuwoga: BF133935A

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury trial conviction on a triple-murder case today. On May 27, 2021, Kern County jury found Tokunbo Okuwoga guilty of the murders of 1) Felipe Bravo Jr., 2) Daina Caraveo, and 3) Felipe Bravo Sr. Okuwoga faces multiple life without parole sentences for the three counts of first degree murder, as well as one count of attempted murder, that occurred on September 22, 2010. Tokunbo Okuwoga was also convicted of robbery and burglary counts for an incident that occurred on September 23, 2009. The trial was prosecuted by Homicide Supervisor and Deputy DA Eric Smith.

On September 22, 2010 the Bakersfield Police Department responded to a house on Bradley Avenue, in Bakersfield, on report of a homicide. Upon entry into the home, officers located three deceased victims. Felipe Bravo Sr. was found suffering from a gunshot wound in the hallway bathroom. Felipe Bravo Jr. and Daina Caraveo were located deceased from gunshot wounds in the southeast bedroom. A witness informed detectives that Tokunbo Okuwoga arrived at the Bradley Street residence the same night to discuss “snitching” and whether Felipe Bravo Jr. and another person had talked to law enforcement about a prior robbery. Following a discussion, Tokunbo Okuwoga struck one person, drew a gun, and began firing. Tokunbo Okuwoga shot and killed all three victims at close range within the home. Daina Caraveo’s young children were in the bedroom when she was shot. Daina Caraveo’s four year-old daughter observed her mother being shot in the head and killed by Tokunbo Okuwoga.

On September 23, 2009 three male suspects entered a victim’s home on Ginseng Lane. The suspects proceeded to violently assault the victim, including striking him repeatedly in the head with a firearm. The Kern Regional Crime lab completed DNA testing on a glove seized from the victim’s home. Tokunbo Okuwoga’s DNA was match to the DNA profile. The victim and a one of Okuwoga’s co-conspirators each identified Okuwoga as the assailant who beat the victim with the gun.

Advised of the conviction, District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer stated “Ensuring that violent criminals are held accountable is vital to public safety. The three first-degree murder convictions in this triple murder case should result in multiple sentences of life without the possibility of parole.”

Tokunbo Okuwoga is scheduled to be sentenced on May 27, 2021.