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**Murder Trial Conviction: Jagjit Singh: Kern County Superior Court Case BF 177999A**

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant conviction in a murder case (BF177999A). On May 4, 2022, a Kern County jury found Jagjit Singh guilty of first-degree murder. The jury also found to be true the following enhancements: that the crime was committed with premeditation and deliberation as well that the crime involved Singh's personal use of a firearm causing great bodily injury or death. On May 5, the jury additionally found three circumstances in aggravation applied to the case, including that the crime targeted a particularly vulnerable victim. Deputy District Attorney Kara Thompson presented the evidence that resulted in the conviction.

On August 26, 2019, at approximately eleven in the morning, officers from the Bakersfield Police Department responded to a home on Monache Meadows Drive in Bakersfield. Upon arrival, officers located Sumandeep Kooner, who had suffered multiple gunshot wounds, deceased inside the residence. Further investigation revealed that Sumandeep had been shot once in the back of the neck and two more times in the front of the neck. Amongst the injuries caused by the shots was the severing of Sumandeep's spinal cord. Jagjit Singh who was Sumandeep's father-in-law, was identified as the shooter. Jagjit Singh claimed to have shot Sumandeep because she was disrespectful during a verbal argument.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the verdict, stating "District Attorneys serve as a voice for those who can no longer speak for themselves. When a life is taken unjustly, it falls upon prosecutors to speak and obtain justice for those who have been silenced."

Deputy District Attorney Kara Thompson also commented on the verdict, stating, "I am thankful to the jury for their hard work and thoughtful deliberations in this case. I am proud to have been able to speak for Sumandeep. As a mother, she worked long nights at the post office with the hope of being able to provide her children with the educational opportunities she never had. She was an immigrant trying to

exercise her freedom of choice. Unfortunately, women everywhere face disproportionate levels of violence at the hands of intimate partners and family members. I would like all the women of Kern County to know that there are resources available, specifically at the Family Justice Center in Bakersfield for any woman that is a victim of violence.”

Sentencing is set for July 14 in Department 5 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable John Lua. Singh faces punishment of up to 50 years-to-life for the murder.