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Kern County District Attorney Lisa Green announced a conviction in a significant rape case. On May 11, 2018, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Courtney Lewis, a Kern County jury convicted Haliki Green Jr. of rape in concert, sexual penetration with force, assault, false imprisonment, and enhancements for personal infliction of great bodily injury and tying and binding the victim.

On March 4, 2016, Russell Higgins hired Haliki Green Jr. to rape his wife, the victim. The two men traveled to the victim's home and waited inside of her bedroom anticipating her return home from work. When the victim walked into her bedroom, both Higgins and Green attacked her. They tied and bound her hands and physically restrained her from leaving the bedroom. At the direction of Russell Higgins, Haliki Green Jr. raped the victim against her will. The victim suffered great bodily injury.

The defendants had separate jury trials. On April 26, 2018, a Kern County jury convicted Russell Higgins of rape in concert, sexual penetration with force, assault, false imprisonment, witness intimidation, and enhancements for personal infliction of great bodily injury and tying and binding the victim. Higgins is scheduled to be sentenced on May 24, 2018, and faces a potential sentence of 50 years to life in prison.

Haliki Green Jr. is scheduled to be sentenced on June 7, 2018. He faces a potential sentence of 50 years to life in prison.