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Re: Trial Verdict: Attempted Murder Shooting Case: People v. Jose Jasso, Kern County Superior Court Case LF013452A

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury verdict in a significant attempted murder and shooting into an occupied vehicle case. On March 11, 2022, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Katherynn Deleon, a Kern County jury returned guilty verdicts against defendant Jose Jasso, age 31, for 7 separate felony charges including one count of attempted murder, two counts of shooting into an occupied vehicle, two counts of assault with a firearm, one count of felon in possession of ammunition and felon in possession of a firearm.

On June 22, 2021, defendant Jose Jasso asked a female victim for a ride in Lamont. During the end of the ride, Jasso asked the female to have sex. When she rejected his advances, Jasso exited the vehicle, produced a semi-automatic rifle and shot the female victim multiple times through the open passenger door. The victim was struck 15 times from the shots, in locations that included the face, chest, and arm at close range. The victim was able to flee the area in her vehicle and was able to find three Sheriff's deputies at a nearby gas station before she lost consciousness.

Two days later, on June 24, 2021, Jasso got into an altercation with a male victim inside a Fastrip gas station in Lamont, then waited for the male victim outside and challenged him to a fight. The male victim got into his vehicle and drove away. While the victim was driving away, Jasso produced a semi-automatic rifle and chased after the victim's vehicle while shooting at him.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the verdict, stating, "By perpetrating gun violence in two separate incidents, Jasso has left a victim severely injured and endangered countless members of the Lamont community. Jasso's successful prosecution not only provided justice to the victims, but in light of his proclivity for extreme violence it probably saved lives."

This conviction was made possible by Kern County Sheriff Deputies who worked diligently on this case, members of the community who assisted and District Attorney Investigators who located material

witnesses.

The matter is currently set for a Court Trial on Jasso's prior convictions to take place March 23, 2022, where Jasso is alleged to have a prior 'strike' conviction from 2009 for assault with a firearm on a peace officer. A Sentencing Hearing will be scheduled thereafter in Department 7. Jasso faces a maximum sentence in excess of 30 years-to-life in prison for the convictions.

Jose Jasso:

