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Man Convicted of First-Degree Residential Burglary and Felony Vandalism
People v. Jaime Davila Contreras: Kern County Superior Court Case BF200819A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a successful first-degree burglary conviction today. On January 27, 2025, in a case presented by Deputy District Attorney Jaycie Knox, a Kern County jury found defendant Jaime Davila Contreras guilty of felony first degree residential burglary, felony vandalism, and one misdemeanor assault charge. The jury also found true two sentencing enhancements which alleged that the victim was present in the home at the time of the offense and that the defendant was armed with a deadly weapon during the commission of the crime.

On August 18, 2024, Contreras showed up at his former coworker’s home on a ranch in East Bakersfield, demanding to see the family’s 15-year-old disabled daughter. After 45 minutes of knocking, Contreras attempted to force entry into the house by kicking down the door. The victim, who was present inside the home, stood on the other side of the door ready to protect his family while his wife hid in a back room of the residence with her daughter. Contreras was successful in kicking the door off its hinges and made entry into the home while armed with a shovel. The victim was able to disarm Contreras, who then punched the victim in the face. The victim pushed Contreras outside of his house, where other coworkers had arrived and assisted in detaining the defendant until law enforcement arrived only a few minutes later.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented: “Contreras put an entire family – including a vulnerable minor – in great danger, requiring significant intervention to protect the home and its residents. Today, justice has been served as Contreras faces accountability.”

Sentencing is set for February 26, 2024, in Department 9 of the Kern County Superior Court before the Honorable Judge Kenneth C. Twisselman II. Davila Contreras faces up to 10 years and 8 months in prison.

Jaime Davila Contreras:

