



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
COUNTY OF KERN

CIVIC CENTER JUSTICE BUILDING
1215 TRUXTUN AVENUE
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93301
(661) 868-2340, FAX: (661) 868-2700

JOSEPH A. KINZEL
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

ANDREA S. KOHLER
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

CYNTHIA J. ZIMMER
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

April 21, 2022

MEDIA ADVISORY

CONTACT:

DDA Larry L. Fields
(661) 868-2340

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Approved by JAK
Press Release #22-27

Re: Jury Trial Murder Conviction: Juan Pablo Gonzalez Ambriz, BF 180782A

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a guilty verdict in a murder case today. On April 20, 2022, a Kern County Jury found defendant, Juan Pablo Gonzalez Ambriz, guilty of first-degree murder along with an allegation that he personally discharged an assault weapon in the commission of the murder. He was additionally convicted of three counts of premeditated attempted murder with an assault weapon.

On April 26, 2020, the Kern County Sheriff's deputies responded to a residence on Fuller Drive in the Lamont area for a reported shooting. Upon arrival, officers found Juan Pablo Gonzalez Ambriz, age 27, standing in his front yard. Deputies asked him where the gun was, Ambriz told them it was at the back of the house. In a subsequent search deputies found a loaded AR-15 rifle that had been modified into an illegal assault rifle.

A homicide investigation revealed that the Ambriz had been confronted by the male members of a family nearby for excessive speed in their neighborhood. The victims were leaving the Ambriz's residence in their SUV when the Ambriz opened fired with his illegal assault rifle as they passed the house, firing 4 shots at the vehicle. One shot went through the vehicle and struck 19-year-old Anthony Moreno in the back. The victim was taken immediately to Kern Medical in the SUV but died soon after arrival.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction, stating: "The use of gun violence in neighborhood disputes cannot be tolerated in a civil society and will be prosecuted and punished to the greatest extent the law will allow."

Ruiz is scheduled to be sentenced on May 18th 2022 in Department 2 before the Honorable Judith Dulcich. Ambriz faces a sentence greater than fifty years to life in prison.

Juan Pablo Gonzalez Ambriz:

