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**East Side Crip Gang Members Found Guilty of First-Degree Murder for
High Speed Chase Shooting on Hwy 58**

People v. Taeviyon Wandick and Denell King: Kern County Superior Court Case #BF190036AB

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a conviction in a significant murder case. On September 14, 2023, a Kern County jury found Taeviyon Wandick and Denell King guilty of the First-Degree murder of Daniell Williams. The jury also found both defendants guilty of the special circumstance of committing the murder by shooting from a motor vehicle, conspiracy to commit murder, felony committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang, and gang participation. This case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Cole Sherman.

At about 6:30 p.m. on May 5, 2022, Wandick and King, who were active East Side Crip gang members, pursued Williams as he drove away from the Valley Plaza Mall. The defendants followed Williams onto highway 58, chasing him at speeds over 90 mph. King drove their vehicle into the center median, positioning the passenger side of his vehicle next to the driver's side of Williams' vehicle. From the front passenger seat, Wandick fired at least 7 gunshots at Williams, striking him, and causing his vehicle to swerve and crash into the center divider of eastbound highway 58. The defendants drove away from the scene, exiting at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, Blvd. Other drivers who were on the highway called 9-1-1 and tried to aid Mr. Williams, but he had succumbed to multiple gunshot wounds.

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) investigated this homicide with the assistance of the Bakersfield Police Department's Special Enforcement (Gang) Unit. CHP located video from the Valley Plaza Mall, which showed the defendants following Mr. Williams through the mall parking lot and onto the highway 99 onramp. Further investigation revealed that the defendants were wearing GPS ankle monitors at the time of the murder, which enabled investigators to tie them to the shooting, locate, and arrest them.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction; "Wandick and King are facing a significant penalty for their heinous actions in taking the life of Mr. Williams and for endangering many

other people while on their murderous path. Gangs have no place in our community, and the eradication of criminal street gangs remains a priority for the District Attorney's Office.”

A hearing is set for September 20, 2023, for prior convictions and allegations. Sentencing will be set before the Honorable John W. Lua. Wandick and King each face life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Taevivon Wandick:



Danell King:

