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**Jury Finds Lopez-Alvarez Guilty of the Attempted Murder of Pregnant Girlfriend**  
*People v. Francisco Lopez-Alvarez: Kern County Superior Court Case BF192791A*

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury verdict in an attempted murder with a firearm case today. On October 24, 2023, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Anthony Yim, a Kern County jury convicted Francisco Lopez-Alvarez of attempted murder with an intentional discharge of a firearm that caused great bodily injury. Lopez-Alvarez was also convicted of assault with a firearm, inflicting corporal injury on a person in a dating relationship, and illegally possessing a firearm as a felon.

On January 1, 2023, Lopez-Alvarez, his girlfriend, and his girlfriend's sister were at a family party located in the 200 block of South Owens Street in Bakersfield. Later that night, Lopez-Alvarez got into a fight with his girlfriend's sister. During the fight, Lopez-Alvarez drew a firearm and fired a single shot at his girlfriend's sister. The shot missed and ended up hitting his girlfriend. His girlfriend was about two to three months pregnant when she was shot through the neck. She was treated at Kern Medical Center and both she and the baby survived.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction; "Once again, the scourge of domestic violence nearly cost an innocent woman her life. I am hopeful this young woman and her child will now have some measure of security in their lives with this conviction. I urge anyone who is victim of domestic violence to seek out our Family Justice Centers for help."

Sentencing is scheduled for November 22, 2023, before the honorable Judge Michael G. Bush. Lopez-Alvarez faces a life sentence in prison.

Francisco Lopez-Alvarez:

