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Jury Trial Conviction: Isaiah Marshall, BF 179287 A

On Thursday June 18, 2020, a Kern County jury found Isaiah Marshall guilty of attempted voluntary manslaughter, shooting from a vehicle, and assault with a firearm for a November 2019 shooting. The jury also found Marshall personally discharged a firearm during the commission of the crimes and caused great bodily injury to the victim. The case was prosecuted by DDA Gina Pearl and DDA Megan Keavney.

On November 15, 2019, at 6:30pm, the victim and his wife were loading groceries into their vehicle in the parking lot of Smart & Final on Mt. Vernon Avenue in East Bakersfield. Marshall approached the victim and his wife while still in his vehicle, and an argument ensued over Marshall wanting a parking spot. During the argument, Marshall suddenly withdrew a handgun from his vehicle and shot the unarmed victim directly in the chest from about five feet away. The victim suffered a through-and-through gunshot wound to the chest and was treated on the scene by nearby California Highway Patrol officers before being transported to Kern Medical Center, where he was treated for the gunshot wound.

Immediately after the shooting, Marshall disposed of the gun and the car used during the shooting and fled to Las Vegas, NV. Marshall remained in hiding for approximately two weeks before returning to Bakersfield.

Commenting on the verdict, District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer stated that “Our laws are designed to ensure that violent criminals who seek to ratchet up violence by use of firearms are punished appropriately. When the defendant in this case produced a firearm and shot the unarmed victim at point-blank range, he placed more value in a parking space than he did upon the life of another human being.”

Marshall faces up to 32 years to life in prison for the shooting.

Sentencing is scheduled for July 31, 2020 before the Honorable Michael E. Dellostritto.

Isaiah Marshall:

