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Re: Trial Sexual Assault Conviction: People v. Keith Lamont Cash, Kern County Superior Court Case #BF173152A

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury verdict in a significant sexual assault trial today in a case prosecuted by Deputy DDA Brandon Stallings. On October 26, 2022, a Kern County jury found the defendant, Keith Lamont Cash, guilty of all three charged felony counts, including sexual abuse of a minor and communicating with a minor for purposes of engaging in sexual conduct.

From 2011 to 2012, Cash was the girls' junior varsity basketball coach at Ridgeview High School. The victim, a member of the team, was 13 years old at the time. While coaching the team, Cash began texting the victim, engaging in grooming behavior. After the victim turned 14, the sexual abuse was initiated by the Defendant and continued until after she turned 15. The abuse occurred at various locations at the school, as well as Cash's vehicle and residence. In 2018, the victim reported the crimes to the Bakersfield Police Department, and the Police Department as well as the Kern County District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations investigated the crimes.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction, stating: "But for the courage of the victim, Cash would have been free to use a position of authority and trust to further victimize other young girls. When child victims come forward with evidence of sexual abuse by adults, our local law enforcement community is prepared to support them by investigating and prosecuting offenders."

Sentencing is scheduled before the Honorable John Oglesby on November 30, 2022 in Department 3 of the Kern County Superior Court. He faces a maximum sentence of 4 years and 8 months in prison and lifetime registration as a sex offender.

Keith Lamont Cash:

