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**California Correctional Institution Inmate Convicted of Aggravated Battery and  
Battery to Correctional Officers**

*People v. Victor Williams: Kern County Superior Court Case DF015931A*

(Bakersfield) - Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury verdict in a case in which an inmate battered two Correctional Officers.

On June 29, 2023, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jamila Ha, a Kern County jury convicted Victor Williams, age 41, of four separate felony counts including two counts of battery on a Correctional officer, one count of aggravated battery by gassing of a Correctional Officer, and one count of preventing or deterring officers from carrying out their duties.

On May 6, 2020, Williams was housed as an inmate in the California Correctional Institution, Tehachapi, California. Williams did not have his state-issued identification card on his person when he sought to obtain his daily medication, as required by Department of Corrections policy. When Williams walked back to his cell, an officer approached Williams to tell him he needed to produce his state-issued identification card. Williams was immediately agitated and upset, threatened the officer, and proceeded to spit saliva at the officer's face and upper torso. Williams then charged towards the officer and punched him on the left side of his face. When a responding officer arrived on scene, Williams kicked the responding officer directly in the chest. Williams refused to comply with multiple verbal orders by officers to stop his attack and it took several officers to detain him.

Williams was sentenced to nine years in the Department of Corrections in 2017, for assault with a deadly weapon and criminal threats against another person and was denied parole in September of 2022. Williams also has a prior robbery conviction from 2001. These prior crimes were committed in San Bernardino County.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction stating, "Correctional Officers are a key component in our justice system and their safety needs to be a priority. Even in prison, Williams continues to exhibit dangerous behaviors which further demonstrates his threat to society."

Sentencing is scheduled for August 1, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 7 in the Kern County Superior Court before Honorable Brian McNamara. Williams' sentence could add up to 10 additional years in prison for the latest convictions.