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Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant conviction in a double murder case this week. On July 1, 2019, A jury found defendant Desmond Perry guilty of two counts of second-degree murder, Penal Code § 187 including the horrific murder of 12-year-old Trinity Wiggins. Desmond Perry was convicted of one count of Shooting at an Inhabited Dwelling house, Penal Code § 246 and enhancements for using a firearm causing death were found true.

On July 22, 2018 defendant Desmond Perry shot and killed twelve-year-old Trinity Wiggins and her Uncle Michael with a Smith & Wesson MP-15 rifle in California City. Desmond Perry fled the area after killing Michael and Trinity.. Family members recalled that Trinity was an energetic girl who loved to play with her young cousins and hang out with her Uncle Michael.

Victim Michael Wiggins lived with his girlfriend and their three children in California City and Michael's niece Trinity was visiting the residence. Michael and his girlfriend engaged in an argument which led the girlfriend to text to her cousin, Desmond Perry. Perry drove one hour from Acton California to California City to kill the victims.

Sentencing is set for August 13, 2019 where defendant Desmond Perry faces multiple life sentences (15-Life + 15-Life + 25-Life).

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer stated the Kern County District Attorney's Office remains dedicated to bringing justice to all victims of crime, especially those with child victims and those who are most vulnerable in our community.