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Re: Conviction on Second Degree Murder, People v Daniel Rhoads BF174783A

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant homicide conviction today. In a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Michael Caves, a Kern County jury found defendant Daniel Rhoads guilty of 2nd Degree Murder and discharge of a firearm causing death.

In 2018 victim William Alford was reported missing. On December 6, 2018, detectives interviewed the defendant Daniel Aaron Rhoads who stated the victim had forced his way into his home and demanded items of value and threatened him. The defendant claimed he was forced to shoot the victim, William Alford, one time in self-defense. The defendant admitted to disposing of William Alford's body in a trash can. Law enforcement has been unable to locate the victim's body. With no body, the crime lab had to use DNA samples from the victim's biological daughter and victim's clothing to develop a DNA profile for the victim. The DNA results revealed a bullet fragment found at the scene was consistent with the victim's DNA profile.

Sentencing is set for May 22, 2019 before Superior Court Judge John Somers. Defendant Daniel Rhoads faces a sentence of 40 years to life in state prison.