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Re: Felony Trial Conviction: People v. James Davies, MF 013419 A

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a significant conviction in an invasion of privacy case today. In a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Bryant Estep, a Kern County jury found defendant James Davies guilty of the single count of unlawful recording of a confidential communication.

On May 7, 2019, James Davies went to the Tehachapi Police Department to speak with Chief Kroeger. The Chief agreed to meet with Mr. Davies, who was escorted to the restricted, authorized personnel area of the department, and entered the Chief's private office to speak with him. While within the department and the Chief's office, Mr. Davies secretly recorded the conversation with the Chief. After the conversation, Mr. Davies left the department and posted the video on a Tehachapi based group of Facebook.com. The defendant admitted to secretly recording the conversation and posting it online and acknowledged that he did not receive consent to record the conversation.

James Davies was a former candidate for the Tehachapi City Counsel.

Notified of the conviction, District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented that "The unlawful recording of confidential communications is illegal, and will be prosecuted when detected. Our public officials are subject to public scrutiny, but not to invasion of privacy."

Davies' sentencing is scheduled for February 19, 2020, where he faces a sentence of up to 3 years as a result of the felony conviction in this case.