



## COUNTY OF FRESNO

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## DAVID BROWN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR SHOOTING AND TRYING TO DROWN HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND

David Wayne Brown (40, of Clovis) was sentenced today to six consecutive terms of life in prison for trying to murder his ex-girlfriend on a canal bank in rural Fresno County before leading Sheriff's Deputies on a high-speed chase, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has announced.

Brown was convicted last year by a jury of two counts of willful, deliberate, and premeditated attempted murder, aggravated mayhem, kidnapping, evading a police officer in a motor vehicle, and witness intimidation, as well as several allegations for the use of a firearm and great bodily injury.

Judge Kristi Culver-Kapetan today imposed six consecutive terms of 25 years to life plus, 51 additional years in state prison for the defendant's crimes. His total sentence was 201 years to life in state prison; however, upon reaching age 60 and upon having served 25 years, Mr. Brown will be eligible for release under the Elderly Parole Program.

During the trial last year, Deputy District Attorney Robert Veneman-Hughes presented evidence that David Brown lured his ex-girlfriend to the canal bank on June 5<sup>th</sup> before he shot her twice. When Mr. Brown's gun jammed, he dragged her thirty feet before kicking her into a deep, fast-moving canal. The victim was able to climb her way out after the defendant fled, and she laid bleeding on the canal bank for an hour and a half before she was rescued by a passing farmer. Later that day, Mr. Brown led deputies on a high-speed chase through Fresno and Clovis, running red lights and driving against traffic until he crashed in the area of Bullard and First. After his arrest, Mr. Brown tried to intimidate the victim into lying or not coming to court in a series of recorded calls.

After his conviction, the defendant was recorded in the jail saying that he will shoot the victim again if "they ever let me out."

The defendant has been previously convicted of three (3) prior Strike Offenses, twice of bank robbery in 2004, and once of attempted robbery in 2012.

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