



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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After His Conviction for Multiple Counts of Murder with Special Circumstances and for Attempted Murder, Kori Ali Muhammad Withdraws Insanity Plea and Now Faces Life in Prison Without the Possibility of Parole

On Wednesday, April 22, 2020, following a two-month long trial, a Fresno County Superior Court jury found Kori Ali Muhammad guilty of one count of first degree murder for the killing of David Jackson; three counts of second degree murder for the killings of Carl Williams III, Zackary Randalls and Mark Gasset; four counts of attempted murder for the attempted killings of Oscar Menjivar, Stephen Walter, Michael Flores and Mark Greer; one count of shooting at an occupied vehicle; and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The jury also found true the special circumstance allegation that Muhammad committed multiple murders and the special circumstance allegation that Muhammad murdered David Jackson because of Mr. Jackson's race.

Further, the jury convicted Kori Ali Muhammad of multiple enhancements for personally using a firearm in the commission of the murders and attempted murders.

Muhammad's conviction comes nearly 3 years after he went on a killing spree in the city of Fresno. It started on April 13, 2017, when, after a verbal altercation at a Fresno area Motel 6, Muhammad shot and killed security guard Carl Williams III and attempted to shoot and kill security guard Oscar Menjivar. Then, on April 18, 2017, Muhammad embarked on a killing rampage in downtown Fresno where he admitted to targeting white males. In that rampage, Muhammad murdered Zackary Randalls, a PG&E employee, as well as Mark Gasset and David Jackson. Muhammad also attempted to shoot and kill Stephen Walter, Michael Flores, and Mark Greer.

Today, April 24, 2020, just two days after the jury's verdict, Muhammad appeared in court to withdraw his previously entered plea of Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity. As a result, the sanity phase of the trial, which was scheduled to begin next week, will not go forward. Because Muhammad has given up his right to litigate the issue of his sanity at the time of the killings, and after carefully considering the jury's verdict, the District Attorney's Office will no longer seek the death penalty. Accordingly, the matter has been scheduled for sentencing on May 22, 2020. Muhammad is expected to be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole (LWOP).

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