



## COUNTY OF FRESNO

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## DAVID BROWN CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTED MURDER FOR SHOOTING AND TRYING TO DROWN HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND

David Wayne Brown (40, of Clovis) was convicted today of 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.

Deputy District Attorney Robert Veneman-Hughes presented evidence that showed how 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.

Today, Mr. Brown was convicted by a Fresno County Superior Court jury of all six felony counts, including:

1. Willful, Deliberate, Premeditated Attempted Murder with a Firearm by shooting the victim in the face and arm [P.C. § 664/187(a) and 12022.53(d)];
2. Aggravated Mayhem With A Firearm [P.C. § 205 and 12022.53(d)];
3. Willful, Deliberate, Premeditated Attempted Murder with Great Bodily Injury by dragging the victim into a canal and leaving her there to drown [P.C. § 664/187(a) and 12022.7(e)];
4. Kidnapping With Great Bodily Injury [P.C. § 207 and 12022.7(e)];
5. Evading A Peace Officer In A Motor Vehicle With Willful Disregard For Safety [V.C. § 2800.2] and
6. Intimidation Of A Witness [P.C. § 136.1(a)(1)].

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.

The defendant faces over 200 years to life in state prison when he is sentenced on December 4, 2018, before the Honorable Judge Kristi Culver-Kapetan in Department 54 of the Fresno County Superior Court. However, upon reaching age 60 and after serving 25 years, Mr. Brown will be eligible for release under the Elderly Parole Program.

The District Attorney's Office would like to particularly thank the victim in this case for her courage to testify in the face of threats against her, as well as Fresno County Sheriff's Detective George Razo, the Fresno County Sheriff's Homicide Unit, and the Fresno County Sheriff's Crime Scene Unit for their tireless work in bringing David Brown to justice.

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