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**Jacob Leighty Convicted of Attempted Robbery and Assault with a Firearm,
Weeks After Attempted Voluntary Manslaughter Conviction**
People v. Jacob Leighty: Kern County Superior Court Case #MF015230A

(Bakersfield) – Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a conviction in a significant case. On September 12, 2023, Jacob Leighty entered a plea to Attempted Robbery in the Second Degree and Assault with a Firearm and was found guilty by the Court.

On December 30, 2022, officers with the Tehachapi Police Department responded to the 800 block of Oakwood Street in Tehachapi after receiving calls for a single gunshot. Officers observed a large pool of blood and a trail of blood leading away from the scene. Officers responded to the hospital and located the victim who was undergoing medical treatment for a single gunshot wound to the leg that caused bone fractures and injuries to an artery. The victim advised that Leighty had approached him at his home, demanded money from him, and when the victim refused, Leighty shot him a single time in the leg with a revolver before fleeing the scene. Leighty was arrested a few weeks after by officers with the Bakersfield Police Department for an unrelated offense and was found in possession of the same firearm used to shoot the victim in Tehachapi.

Leighty was also recently convicted in a separate case (BF192828A) on August 28, 2023, where he was found guilty of attempted voluntary manslaughter, assault with a deadly weapon, and battery causing great bodily injury.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the verdict, stating; “Senseless criminals like Leighty pose an extreme threat to public safety. Today, there is one more dangerous individual off our streets.”

Sentencing is scheduled for October 10, 2023, before Superior Court Judge John Brownlee. Leighty faces a total of up to 29 years in prison for both convictions.

Jacob Leighty:

