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GEORGE TAYLOR-WINDSOR CONVICTION UPHELD ON APPEAL

On July 17, 2019, the Fifth Appellate District Court of Appeal affirmed the conviction of George Taylor-Windsor. The defendant was convicted of first degree murder, attempted second degree murder, and various special allegations. He was sentenced to an aggregate term of 39 years to life.

On November 15, 2016, the defendant murdered Jessica Nelson and attempted to murder Reid Kallenberg. Both Mr. Kallenberg and Ms. Nelson were sitting in the front seat of a truck while Mr. Kallenberg was driving down Highway 41 just above Oakhurst. The defendant, who was in the back seat, began stabbing Mr. Kallenberg and Ms. Nelson. Mr. Kallenberg was seriously injured and Ms. Nelson died from her wounds. The defendant fled and was shortly thereafter captured by deputies of the Madera County Sheriff's Office.

In an unpublished opinion, the Court of Appeal rejected the defendant's contentions of trial error. The defendant is currently serving his sentence at Kern Valley State Prison.

The jury trial in this matter took place in the Bass Lake courthouse in the spring of 2017. It was the final significant criminal jury trial to be held in the Bass Lake courthouse before its ultimate closure. Cases arising out of the mountain area of Madera County are now heard in the main courthouse located at 200 South "G" Street in the city of Madera.

The Madera County District Attorney's Office would like to thank the Madera County Sheriff's Office for their excellent work on this case. Sergeant Matt Mollett, Detective John Grayson, and Detective Jeffrey Noland led the investigation for the Sheriff's Office.