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Jury Returns Guilty Verdict in Ventura Hate Crime Stabbing

Case #: 2021012066

VENTURA, Calif. - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that a Ventura County jury convicted defendant Tyler Clark (DOB 03/04/88), of Ventura, on several charges stemming from a hate crime stabbing.

Clark was found guilty of a felony count of assault with a deadly weapon, misdemeanor count of a hate crime threat, and a misdemeanor count of resisting, delaying, obstructing a peace officer. The jury found the special allegation of causing great bodily injury to be true. Clark was found not guilty of a single felony count of criminal threats. The jury hung on the hate crime special allegation. Clark also admitted a prior strike conviction.

On May 5, 2021, Clark began making racial slurs towards an African American man inside of a Ventura convenience store. Clark called the victim the N-word and made other threatening statements. The defendant then pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim, which led to a fight outside the store. Clark was later arrested by the Ventura Police Department.

“The verdict shows violence motivated by hate and bias against fellow members of our community will not be tolerated,” said Deputy District Attorney Hayley Moyer, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney’s Office Major Crimes Unit. “The jury took their duty extremely serious.”

Sentencing for this case is scheduled for December 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 46. The defendant remains in custody pending sentencing and faces a maximum of 16-years in prison.

Defendant Information:

Tyler Clark
Ventura

Charges:

- (Guilty) Assault with a Deadly Weapon - PC 245(a)(1)
- (Not guilty) Criminal Threats - PC 422
- (Guilty) Hate Crime Misdemeanor by Threats - PC 422.6
- (Guilty) Resist, Delay, Obstruct a Peace Officer - PC 148

