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Oxnard Resident Sentenced for Attempted Murder After Shooting into Home

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Jaylin Edwards (DOB 12/28/96), of Oxnard, was sentenced to 64 years and 8 months to life in state prison for a 2019 shooting that injured two people, including a young girl who was left paralyzed. Edwards was convicted on November 15, 2024, of attempted murder, shooting at an inhabited dwelling, and two counts of assault with a semiautomatic firearm. The jury also found true all special allegations, including causing great bodily injury (GBI) and personal and intentional discharge of a firearm causing GBI. Edwards also admitted to additional aggravating factors of the crime involving great violence, being armed with and using a weapon, engaging in violent conduct, and that the victims were vulnerable.

Deputy District Attorney Stephanie Horlick, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Major Crimes Unit, prosecuted the case.

"This sentence reflects the serious nature of the defendant's conduct and the immeasurable harm and trauma it caused multiple victims," Ms. Horlick said. "I am hopeful that as of today, the victims can move forward in peace, knowing justice has been served."

On July 2, 2019, Edwards and a 17-year-old juvenile shot at a residence in Port Hueneme where they believed a man they were looking for lived. Inside that home, a family of five was sitting in their living room. At least 8 of the 12 gunshots that were fired hit the home, three of them striking the family members inside. A seven-year-old victim was struck in the head and her mother suffered gunshot wounds to her foot and thigh. Edwards and the juvenile fled the scene.

An investigation by the Port Hueneme Police Department and Ventura County Sheriff's Office led them to the 17-year-old juvenile. He was arrested in July 2019 for the shooting and investigators recovered one of the two firearms used. Evidence collected led investigators to Edwards. The second weapon was never found.

The young victim was rushed to the hospital and eventually airlifted to Los Angeles Children's Hospital where she spent three weeks in a coma. After three months in the hospital, she returned home but was left paralyzed on the left side of her body and has permanent cognitive impairment. Her mother required surgery to treat her gunshot wounds but was released the following day.

The minor co-offender was charged in juvenile court for the shooting and the case is pending in juvenile court.

Case: 2021028490

Defendant Information:

Jaylin Edwards (DOB 12/28/96) Oxnard

Convicted of:

- PC 664/187(a) Attempted murder
- PC 245(b) Assault with a semiautomatic firearm
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- PC 246 Shooting at an inhabited dwelling

Special Allegations Found True:

- PC 12022.53(c)/(e) Principal's intentional discharge of a firearm gang case
- PC 12022.53(d) Personal and intentional discharge of a firearm causing great bodily injury
- PC 12022.5(a)(1) Use of a firearm
- PC 12022.7(b) Great bodily injury-Brain injury, paralysis
- PC 12022.7(a) Great bodily injury in commission of a felony
- CRC 4.421(a)(1) The crime involved great violence
- CRC 4.421(a)(2) The defendant was armed with and used a weapon
- CRC 4.421(b)(1) Defendant has engaged in violent conduct
- CRC 4.421(a)(3) Victim was vulnerable

