



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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DANIEL WILSON SENTENCED TO STATE PRISON FOR HATE CRIME ASSAULT

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office is pleased to announce that today, December 2, 2016, Daniel Coronel Wilson was sentenced to four (4) years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for assaulting Amrik Singh Bal last December.

On October 26, 2016, a Fresno County jury found Mr. Wilson guilty of Assault by Means Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury, and also found true an allegation that the assault constituted a Hate Crime that was committed in concert with another person.

The December 26, 2015 assault, which was captured on video, brought a wave of fear to the local Sikh community. Mr. Wilson, along with a co-participant, were captured on video first beating Mr. Bal with their fists, then hitting him with a car. It was argued that Mr. Bal was targeted because he wore a turban and a robe, and the attackers believed that he was "terrorist." Mr. Bal was left unconscious on the roadway on Brunswick Avenue west of Highway 99.

In sentencing Mr. Wilson to state prison, the Honorable Judge Conklin, in referring to the defendants conduct stated "That's what bigots do. They act on misguided perceptions."

The District Attorney's Office would like to thank the numerous Investigators and F.B.I. Agents who worked on this case, with a special thanks to lead investigator Detective Haywood Irving from the Fresno Police Department.

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