



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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COURTHOUSE PARK SHOOTER CONVICTED OF ASSAULT WITH A SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIREARM

Today, February 18, 2020, Anthony Tony Simpson (57, of Fresno) was convicted of assault with a semi-automatic firearm, personal use of a firearm, and the infliction of great bodily injury resulting from a shooting that occurred just outside of the Fresno County Superior Court's Criminal Division on July 1, 2016, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has announced.

On June 1, 2016, the female victim and her mother were out shopping when they were approached by Anthony Simpson. Simpson punched the victim and her mother and immediately left the location. Due to Simpson's violent behavior, the female victim began the process of obtaining a restraining order.

On July 1, 2016, the female victim and a male victim were at the Fresno County Superior Court's Civil Courthouse attempting to obtain the restraining order. As they left the courthouse, both victims were accosted by Simpson. Simpson retrieved a semi-automatic firearm from his backpack and fired one shot at the male victim, striking him in the leg. The male victim had to be hospitalized as a result of the injury he suffered in the shooting.

Immediately after the shooting, Simpson fled the scene, but he was apprehended a short distance away by Fresno Police Department Officer Michael Buessing and former Fresno Police Department Lieutenant Herman Silva. As he fled, Simpson discarded his gun and backpack. Both items were located and recovered by Lieutenant Silva.

As a result of his conviction, Anthony Simpson is expected to be sentenced to a term of 31 years in state prison. Simpson's sentencing is scheduled for March 17, 2020 in Department 50 of the Fresno County Superior Court.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office would like to thank the combined efforts of the Fresno Police Department, the Fresno Sheriff's Office as well as the Fresno County District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations for assisting in the case and making the conviction possible.

The Media may email FCDAMedia@fresnocountyca.gov with questions.

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