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Gary Perry Sentenced to Life Without the Possibility of Parole for the Woodward Lakes Murders

Today, June 30, 2022, Gary Perry (26, of Fresno) was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for the 2017 murders of Brennen Fairhead and Scott Gaffney, as well as the attempted murder of Michael Rackley. Perry's sentence was handed down after he was found guilty of two (2) counts of 1st Degree Murder and one (1) count of Attempted Murder as well as enhancements for the personal use of a firearm following a jury trial that concluded on May 10, 2022, in the Fresno Superior Court.

Perry was arrested by the Fresno Police Department in December 2017. Evidence presented at trial showed that Perry was in a vehicle in the Woodward Lakes area with the victims, Brennen Fairhead, Scott Gaffney and Michael Rackley. Perry shot Fairhead and Gaffney multiple times, killing both and shot at Rackley, attempting to kill him.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office would like to thank the Fresno Police Department Homicide Detectives for their dedication to this case.

This case was successfully prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Deborah Miller with our Homicide Unit. Ms. Miller was assisted by District Attorney Senior Investigator Michelle Veneman from the Fresno County District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations.

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