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## PRESS RELEASE

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### TWO PLEAD GUILTY IN TEICHERT PONDS SHOOTING

Two out of three co-defendants pleaded guilty today for their role in the 2022 shooting of a homeless man in Chico, while a third will proceed to trial.

**Keyna Rayann Faviola Osorio**, 38, **Demetrius Eugene Brown, Jr.**, 25, and **Keynara Corona**, 19, all of Chico, were in court today for the conclusion of a preliminary hearing regarding the October 2022 targeted shooting of a homeless man at the Teichert Ponds in Chico. Osorio and Corona pled guilty to felony charges, while Brown continued with the preliminary hearing and was held to answer.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the hearing began last month and multiple witnesses testified. After hearing the evidence against them, Osorio and Corona elected to plead guilty at the start of the second day of the hearing, which happened today in Butte County Superior Court.

Ramsey said Osorio pleaded guilty to a felony charge of assault with a semi-automatic firearm, as well as to personally causing great bodily injury when she shot the victim. Osorio stipulated she will receive an upper-term sentence of 12 years in state prison for her crime when she is sentenced on August 2, 2023.

Corona, the daughter of Osorio, pleaded no contest to a felony violation of accessory after the fact, for her part in preparing to be the get-away driver for her mother. She will face up to three years in prison when she is sentenced, also on August 2, 2023.

Ramsey said after the two co-defendants pleaded guilty, Brown elected to continue with the hearing. At the conclusion of the evidence today, the judge found there was sufficient evidence to take Brown to trial for his role in the shooting.

Ramsey said the charges stem from a targeted attack in the Teichert Ponds area that occurred on Sunday, October 15, 2022. Ramsey said at approximately 10 p.m. that night, the 25-year-old victim, a homeless man, called 911 to report he had just been shot while he was in his tent.

Emergency personnel quickly responded and located the victim still in his tent, bleeding profusely. The victim, who had been shot in the arm and the leg, was rushed to Enloe Hospital

where he received immediate medical attention and was stabilized.

Meanwhile, Chico Police officers who had responded to the area located three subjects fleeing along a bike path and detained them. Among those detained were Osorio and Brown. Ramsey said the officers located two pistols, one near each suspect, that were consistent with the rounds located outside the victim's tent. A third person, an 18-year-old Chico man was also arrested with the group for prowling.

Ramsey said investigators with Chico Police Detective Bureau believe based on their investigation that Osorio and Brown had actively sought out and targeted the victim over a personal issue that had happened earlier that weekend.

Ramsey said the 18-year-old testified at the hearing today under a grant of immunity and told how the group including him, Osorio, Brown and Corona, drove to various locations in the Chico area, during which time Osorio and Brown were each in possession of pistols. He said before the shooting occurred, the group went to a remote area near the Sacramento River, and Osorio and Brown test-fired their guns. They then drove back to Chico where Osorio, who was driving, pulled over near the bike path on E. Lassen, which at the time had numerous homeless encampments, and asked for the location of the victim.

Ramsey said homeless residents of the E. Lassen encampment testified during the hearing and identified Osorio and Brown as inquiring as to the whereabouts of the victim, and were directed to Teichert Ponds.

Once the group arrived there, under the cover of darkness, the 18-year-old testified that he, Osorio, and Brown walked into the Teichert Ponds area leaving Corona behind in the car. He said Osorio then talked to several people to try to find the victim's tent. Once it was found, the 18-year-old testified Osorio and Brown pulled out firearms and discharged them several times into the victim's tent, with the victim inside. The 18-year-old testified that he, Osorio, and Brown then fled the area, and were detained by police shortly thereafter.

Ramsey said based on the evidence presented at the preliminary hearing showing a motive for the shooting to do with a personal issue that had arisen the previous day, the fact they test-fired the guns before the shooting, and the fact they actively sought out the victim and ambushed him while he was home in his tent, he expects his office will be filing attempted murder charges against Brown, which carry a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Brown will next be in court for the setting of his jury trial on July 19, 2023.



Keyna Osorio



Demetrius Brown, Jr.



Keynara Corona