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Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury verdict in a Kidnapping/Robbery case today.

On May 28, 2021, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Katherynn Deleon, a Kern County jury convicted Ariel Roberto Chic Pacheco, age 26, of six counts including Kidnapping for the purpose of Robbery, Kidnapping, Second Degree Robbery, False Imprisonment, Criminal Threat, and Intimidating a Witness.

On October 13, 2020, Ariel Roberto Chic Pacheco entered the back passenger side of a female victim's vehicle while she was dropping her 3-year-old son at her babysitter's front door. When the victim re-entered her vehicle, Ariel Pacheco placed a hand over her mouth and nose while using his other hand to put an imitation firearm near the right side of her head. Pacheco told the victim to drive and directed her through various streets. While directing her, Pacheco kept his hand over the victim's mouth and kept the imitation firearm at her shoulder. During the incident, Pacheco made statements about getting money from her and asked her if she had cash. After driving for 15-20 minutes, Pacheco directed the victim to an alley, took the money she had in her purse, and left her vehicle. Before leaving he threatened the victim against telling anyone about the incident.

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer said in connection with this case, "Pacheco's actions justify the life sentence that he should receive at his sentencing. The courage required for victims to report and testify against such abuse must be matched by a justice system that ensures that those who terrorize our community are never allowed to do so again."

The Kern County Sheriff's Department investigated the case.

Sentencing is scheduled for June 28, 2021 where Ariel Roberto Chic Pacheco faces a life sentence.