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TULARE MAN CONVICTED OF MAKING CRIMINAL THREATS, VIOLATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER

On Friday, October 23, 2020, in Department 14 of the Tulare County Superior Court, a jury convicted Larry Robinson, age 53, of three felony counts of making criminal threats, two misdemeanor counts of violating a domestic violence restraining order, delaying a police officer's lawful investigation, and possessing drug paraphernalia.

On the night of May 8, 2020, Robinson appeared at the victim's residence south of Tulare and threatened to burn down her house and shoot her. Robinson had previously dated the victim, and when their relationship ended, the victim obtained a restraining order prohibiting Robinson from contacting, harassing, threatening, or stalking her. When police arrived, Robinson had already fled.

Four days later, on May 12, 2020, the victim went to visit an acquaintance. Robinson again appeared and demanded the acquaintance let him see the victim. When the acquaintance refused, Robinson battered the door and threatened to kill them both. When police arrived, Robinson again fled. Police pursued Robinson and eventually caught and arrested him. A search of Robinson's person yielded a pipe used to smoke methamphetamine.

Between 1992 and 2019, Robinson was convicted of seven felonies and numerous misdemeanors, including domestic violence and a "strike" offense for making criminal threats in 2010. In 2019 alone, Robinson was convicted of four different instances of violating a domestic violence restraining order.

Sentencing is set for December 16, 2020, in Superior Court. Robinson faces up to 11 years and 8 months in state prison.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Avi Feinstein and was investigated by the Tulare County Sheriff's Office.