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Ventura Man Sentenced to 11 Years in State Prison for Hate Crime Stabbing
Case: 2021012066

VENTURA, Calif. - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Tyler Clark (DOB 03/04/88), of Ventura, was sentenced to 11 years in state prison after being convicted of a hate crime stabbing.

On May 5, 2021, Clark began making racial slurs towards an African American man inside of a Ventura convenience store. Clark called the victim the N-word and made other threatening statements. He then pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim, which led to a fight outside the store. Clark was later arrested by the Ventura Police Department.

Clark was found guilty by a jury on October 26, 2022, of a felony count of assault with a deadly weapon, a misdemeanor count of a hate crime threat, and a misdemeanor count of resisting, delaying, or obstructing a peace officer. The jury also found the special allegation of causing great bodily injury to be true and Clark admitted a prior strike conviction.

Deputy District Attorney Hayley Moyer, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Major Crimes Unit, prosecuted the case.

