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**VISALIA MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED
MURDER**

Today in Department 5 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Joseph Kalashian sentenced Martin Fierro, age 32, of Visalia, to 34 years to life in prison for shooting a man riding a bike in Visalia in 2012.

On March 2, 2017, a Tulare County jury found Fierro guilty of attempted murder with the special allegation of personally using a firearm and causing great bodily injury.

On August 31, 2012, at approximately 5 pm, Fierro drove eastbound on W. Prospect in the city of Visalia. As he approached the adult male victim, who was riding his bicycle in the opposite direction on W. Prospect, Fierro extended his arm outside the driver's side window and fired one shot at the victim. The bullet struck the victim in the chest, which caused him to fall off his bicycle. Fierro then accelerated his vehicle and drove away. Visalia police officers managed to quickly locate Fierro and arrested him immediately. Fierro was found to be in possession of the firearm he used to shoot the victim. Fierro was also linked to the shooting through forensic testing.

The case was prosecuted by Supervising Deputy District Attorney Jamil Nushwat and investigated by the Visalia Police Department.

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