

At Blumenthal Law Offices our experienced, litigation-focused attorneys handle a broad range of criminal cases. We pursue the best possible outcome for every client, whether that means preventing the DA from filing charges, negotiating a favorable plea bargain, or asserting and protecting the client's constitutional rights through a jury trial. Here are some examples of the types of outcomes that our efforts have secured for past clients.

## **RESISTING ARREST**

### **People v. Vincent P.**

Vincent and his girlfriend were at his home one night, drinking. Drinking a bit too much, as it turns out. A disagreement turned into an argument. The argument turned into a fight. The fight got physical and the next thing they knew the two were having a naked brawl in the front yard of his home. The neighbors called the police after Vincent's naked, drunk girlfriend ran into their home to hide. Vincent, on the other hand, went to back to his home and closed the door. Once inside, for some reason, he retrieved his handgun and sat on his couch in the living room. The police response was ... aggressive, as they perceived Vincent to have barricaded himself in the home. As the SWAT team surrounded his house, a gunshot was heard from inside. The police believed that he had either committed suicide or had spotted a SWAT member and attempted to kill the police officer. In truth, neither had happened. After his gun accidentally discharged through the wall of his home, Vincent wandered down the hallway and passed out in his own bed. He slept through the next few hours of the deployment, blissfully ignorant of the perimeter around his home, the school that was evacuated nearby, and the police tank that was destroying his lawn. For Vincent the first sign that there was a problem was when he finally heard a knock at the bedroom door and opened it to find a police robot asking him to put on some pants and step outside to talk to the nice officers. He did, where he was arrested for domestic violence and attempted murder of a police officer. He admitted to the domestic violence incident on the front lawn, but strongly denied any attempt to shoot a cop.

We warned the prosecutor that he would lose the trial for the attempted murder charge, but he chose to proceed. He should have listened. At trial, our cross-examination of the investigating officer exposed an unprecedented level of incompetence and bias in the investigation. Before the officer left the stand, the prosecution had dismissed the attempted murder charges and accepted a plea bargain for the domestic violence charge that Vincent had admitted from the beginning. Vincent was released from custody that same day. (Tried by Attorneys Virginia M. Blumenthal and Jeff Moore.)

### **People v. Brandon W.**

When Moreno Valley PD responded to a noise complaint regarding a house party, Brandon answered their knock at the front door. The officers did not appreciate his attitude and demanded entry. When Brandon refused to allow the officers in without a warrant, he was shot with pepperballs, beaten and arrested for resisting arrest. At jury trial we exposed the officers' illegal actions and won a swift verdict of Not Guilty for Brandon. (Tried by Attorney Jeff Moore.)

**People v. Kam A.**

Kam was employed by a small business in Riverside County. An altercation broke out when an unruly customer was removed from the business by Kam's security guard. The customer escalated the situation by breaking a window at the front of the store. The security guard doubled down, pulling a firearm and shooting at the customer as he fled. While Kam was not involved in the altercation, a surveillance camera caught him cleaning up the scene of the shooting by picking up the shell casings from the ground. The police arrived soon after and Kam denied knowing about the shooting or any evidence from the incident. He was arrested and charged with a felony for being an accessory to the shooting after the fact and destroying evidence. We were able to separate Kam's case from the security guard's and secure a misdemeanor resolution with no time in jail.