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JURY CONVICTS WOODLAND GANG MEMBER FOR 2008 DRIVE BY SHOOTING

(Woodland, CA) –**February 4, 2010** District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on February 4, 2010, Ramiro Leon Jr., 18, of Woodland was convicted by a Yolo County Superior Court jury of attempted murder, firearm enhancements, criminal gang activity, and other felony assault charges, for a September 2008, drive-by shooting at Campbell Park in Woodland. The brazen daylight shooting shocked the Woodland community, prompting meetings between concerned citizens and law enforcement.

Leon drove by the park and shot several times at unarmed people, striking and seriously injuring a juvenile male, who was on the sidewalk at the time. It is believed that gang friction on the Cache Creek High School bus earlier that day led to the drive-by shooting.

Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig commended the work of law enforcement. “The officers of the Woodland Police Department Gang Unit did a superb job putting this very serious case together, and should be recognized for their commitment to the public safety in Woodland,” said Reisig. “We must also give credit to the Yolo County Gang Task Force which worked very hard bringing reluctant witnesses to court. Make no mistake there will be serious consequences for these heinous crimes against the public.”

Leon is scheduled to be sentenced by the Honorable Judge Stephen L. Mock on March 5th, 2010. He faces life in prison.

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