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West Sacramento Gang Beating Results in Attempted Murder Conviction

(Victim was beaten into a coma)

(Woodland, CA) - February 23, 2010 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on February 22, 2010, a Yolo County jury convicted Antonio Mason Delgado (20) of attempted murder, mayhem, robbery, assault, infliction of great bodily injury, conspiracy and criminal street gang activity.

Delgado, who was originally from North Highlands, was convicted of having joined another man in a gang beating of a West Sacramento man so severely on January 21, 2009, that the victim was in a coma for two months, and suffered permanent brain damage. Evidence established that the victim was targeted at random as he walked home by himself on West Capitol Avenue. Prosecution witnesses testified that Delgado was an admitted Norteno gang member and that he had committed the unprovoked attack in order to impress the Broderick Boys criminal street gang of West Sacramento.

Deputy District Attorney Jim Walker praised the efforts of a good Samaritan who interrupted the viscous assault as he drove on West Capitol Avenue, "The victim would surely have been beaten to death had it not been for a man who drove up on the attack, stopped his truck on West Capitol Avenue and chased off Mr. Delgado and his cohort. It was an incredibly brave act." The good Samaritan also testified at trial, and said that the assailants were kicking the victim in the head and groin area while he lay unconscious on the ground. The victim was unable to remember anything about the beating, but testified at trial none-the-less. Dr. David Shatz, a trauma surgeon from UC Davis Medical Center testified that it's impossible to predict whether the victim would ever recover from his injuries.

In reaction to the verdict, Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated, "It is horrific cases like this that demonstrate the sheer viciousness and terror that can be caused by criminal street gangs. Thanks to a courageous good Samaritan and the excellent work of the West Sacramento Police Department and local emergency services, the victim's life was saved and the criminal, Mr. Delgado, will now spend most of his life behind bars."

Trial is set for Delgado's alleged accomplice in April, and sentencing for Delgado is to take place in front of the Honorable Judge Stephen Mock on March 23, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.