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FORMER FUGITIVE CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGE

Woodland, CA - December 12, 2007 – On Wednesday, former fugitive Eduardo Joe Maldonado (23) was convicted by plea of attempted murder and use of a firearm under California’s 10/20/life gun use law. He will be sentenced to twenty-five years in prison.

The shooting occurred in the parking lot of the Flamingo Apartments in Woodland on July 21, 2007. As the result of a gang-related dispute, Maldonado fired a shotgun at a car full of individuals, including a child. Several people in the vehicle were injured. After the shooting, Maldonado fled the state and was arrested in Salem, Oregon on August 23, 2007. Supervising Deputy District Attorney Garrett Hamilton stated, “Although Mr. Maldonado had no prior criminal record, the dangerousness of his actions mandated a severe penalty.”

In a comment on the case, District Attorney Jeff Reisig pledged that, “Our office will continue to seek stiff sentences for these types of violent crimes, especially those involving firearms.”

The Woodland Police Department conducted the criminal investigation in this case.

Maldonado will be sentenced on January 11, 2008 before Judge Timothy Fall in Department 2 of the Yolo County Superior Court.

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