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**4 Life Sentences for Kidnapping and Attempted Robbery of Woodland Man and His Three Young Sons**

(Woodland, CA) – July 8, 2010-District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on July 7, 2010, Yolo County Superior Court Judge David Rosenberg sentenced 31 year old Woodland man Paul Alexander Hinojosa, Jr. to four consecutive life sentences plus 17 years, 4 months in state prison for the May 2, 2009 kidnapping and attempted robbery of a Woodland man and his three young sons.

On May 2, 2009, Hinojosa asked the victim for a ride home from K's Carwash in Woodland. The sympathetic stranger agreed. Once in the car with the victim and his three children, Hinojosa pulled out a firearm and demanded money. Hinojosa threatened to kill the victim and his kids if his demands were disobeyed. Hinojosa also told the victim that he would kill everyone in the victim's household if the victim reported the incident to the police. The children were able to escape when the victim distracted Hinojosa by grabbing the muzzle of what was determined to be a replica firearm. The two fought over the gun before Hinojosa got out of the car and fled. Hinojosa was apprehended when he ran into a nearby home. The residents, also strangers to Hinojosa, detained him until police arrived.

A Yolo County jury convicted Hinojosa of multiple kidnapping, carjacking and child endangerment offenses on March 15, 2010. The Honorable David Rosenberg presided over the trial and sentenced Hinojosa.

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