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West Sacramento Gang Member Sentenced to 45 years in Prison for Shooting

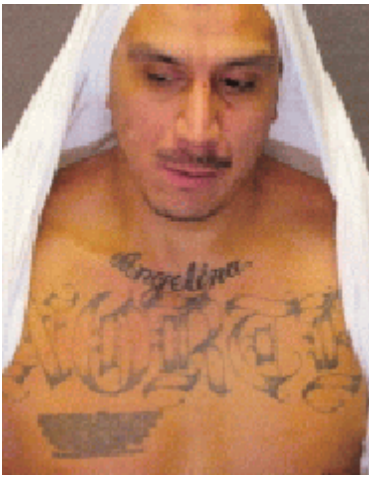
(Woodland, CA) – District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on August 12, 2010, Judge Steven Mock of the Yolo County Superior Court sentenced 34-year-old Rudy Ornelas to 45 years in state prison. Last month, a Yolo County jury convicted Ornelas of attempted murder with personal discharge of a firearm, assault with a firearm and of being a felon in possession of a firearm. After the jury returned its verdict, Judge Mock found that Ornelas had been previously convicted of a strike offense under California’s “Three Strikes Law” for a 1992 shooting. The Court also found that Ornelas had previously been sentenced to prison for five separate felony convictions, including a federal prison sentence for a firearms offense.

In July, the jury heard how on February 7, 2007, Ornelas, a validated Broderick Boy gang member, and his accomplice, Claudio Magobet, drove around West Sacramento with a loaded 9 mm handgun looking for Abel Trevino, a West Sacramento parolee. Ornelas was upset with Trevino over a dispute involving drugs and money.

After spending a day looking for Trevino, as well as drinking beer and using methamphetamine, Ornelas and Magobet eventually found and confronted Trevino which led to Ornelas pulling a gun out of his waistband and firing a shot at Trevino. As Trevino ran away, Ornelas fired at him three additional times.

Judge Mock cited Ornelas’s lengthy criminal record as a basis to impose the maximum term for Ornelas’ convictions.

Ornelas is also a named defendant in the civil gang injunction case currently proceeding in Yolo County Superior Court against the Broderick Boys Criminal Street Gang.



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