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Woodland Gang Members Convicted of Attempted Murder

(Woodland, CA) – November 1, 2012 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on October 30, 2012, a Yolo County Jury convicted defendants Rolando Arismendez, 34, Juan Reyes, 21, and German Vizcarra, 19, all from Woodland, of charges including attempted murder and gang enhancements.

On November 16, 2011, Arismendez, a validated gang member, provided guns, a car and a driver to defendants Reyes and Quezada, also gang members. Their plan was to carry out a murder of a resident of Donnelly Circle in Woodland. After driving by to scout the location, the gang members returned to the location a second time and began firing on the victim, who was standing in front of the residence. Although the bullets missed the victim, one of the bullets entered the bedroom of the home and passed through a child's playpen before lodging in a mattress. While fleeing the location the defendants crashed their car in a nearby park and left the scene on foot. Woodland Police recovered two of the three handguns used and arrested defendant Reyes running from the scene of the crash. They arrested defendant Vizcarra at a Woodland hospital when he arrived for treatment for gunshot wounds that were apparently self inflicted during the shooting. The defendants' cell phones and other evidence established that defendant Arizmendez had supplied the guns and the car used to commit the shooting.

After two full days of deliberation the jury returned guilty verdicts on all three defendants. The charges included conspiracy to commit attempted murder, shooting at an inhabited dwelling and gang charges and enhancements. All defendants are facing life sentences in state prison.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig applauded the jury and reiterated the dangers of gang violence: "Gang members shooting at residences threaten the fundamental right of citizens to feel safe in their homes." Reisig continued that, "gangs showing this level of commitment to violence must be countered by both law enforcement and community-based efforts." Reisig further credited the efforts of the Woodland Police Department and Yolo County Gang Task Force for conducting an excellent investigation in this complicated case.

All defendants are scheduled to be sentenced by the Honorable Stephen Mock on November 30, 2012 at 8:30 in Department 3.

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