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WEST SACRAMENTO MAN CONVICTED OF GANG ASSAULT

(Woodland, CA) – November 19, 2012 Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that, on Friday, November 16, 2012, a Yolo County jury convicted Christopher Lee Castillo, 21, of West Sacramento, for his participation in a gang assault of two juvenile victims in the Memorial Park area of West Sacramento on March 19, 2010.

The two victims and their family had been harassed by the gang members during the two months before the assault. When the two victims, who were brothers, went to confront members of the gang, they were ambushed by numerous gang members armed with weapons, and a pit bull. Defendant Castillo struck one of the victims in the head with a hammer, creating a deep gash. After the assault the gang members continued to threaten and harass the family causing the family to move twice. Since the incident nine other defendants had entered pleas to various charges.

The jury deliberated for less than four hours before returning guilty verdicts on all counts, including Conspiracy, assault with a deadly weapon and Criminal Street Gang Activity. The defendant will be sentenced on December 14, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 3, before Judge Stephen L. Mock.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig credited the efforts of Officer Labin Wilson and the West Sacramento Police Department in investigating the case. "The juveniles in this case were victimized for standing up to a gang of bullies," commented Reisig. For more information please contact Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney Michael J. Cabral at (530) 666-8180 or michael.cabral@yolocounty.org

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