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Broderick Boy Gang Member Convicted of 2011 Murder

(Woodland, CA) – June 17, 2013 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on June 14, 2013, a Yolo County Jury convicted Broderick Boy/Northern Ryder gang member Billy Thomas Wolfington, Jr., 29, of Second Degree Murder, Criminal Street Gang Activity and Personal Use of a Deadly Weapon. The jury found that on September 2, 2011 Wolfington stabbed and killed Bobby Jamar Brittenum, 29, of Sacramento. The jury acquitted, Shannon Lashaun Silva, 32, of Sacramento of related charges.

The murder occurred at a party in a West Sacramento hotel room in which Wolfington and Silva confronted Brittenum. Wolfington and Silva entered the hotel room and told partygoers to leave the room. The partygoers protested and an argument ensued. Witnesses testified that Silva then began punching the victim and Wolfington stabbed the victim at least sixteen times with a six-inch “butterfly” knife. Wolfington stopped stabbing the victim when one partygoer began screaming for help out the hotel window. Wolfington and Silva fled then the scene. The victim suffered stab wounds to his face, chest and arms. Wolfington and Silva were found a short time later hiding in heavy brush near some railroad tracks.

During the trial, the prosecution introduced evidence of Wolfington and Silva’s gang history and membership. Wolfington is a member of the Broderick Boys criminal street gang and also shares membership with Silva in a newer gang called the Northern Ryders. During the murder, witnesses testified that Wolfington told the victim that he was a Broderick Boy. Gang expert testimony explained that when a gang member either asks or describes where he is from, that this is a challenge in gang parlance. An expert for the prosecution also explained that violent crimes such as murders elevate the level of fear of a gang, creating a benefit by discouraging witnesses from coming forward to report crimes. As the prosecution explained, the victim’s refusal to leave the room was an act of disrespect that would diminish the reputation of the gang if the disrespect was not answered with violence.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig expressed his appreciation for the hard work of the law enforcement team. “The West Sacramento Police Department and the prosecution team worked hard in convicting a dangerous criminal who took a man’s life,” said Reisig. A court trial regarding Wolfington’s past convictions is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., on July 1, 2013 before Judge Stephen L. Mock, who presided over the trial.

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