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Sacramento Gang Member Sentenced to Life in Prison
Marcus Blackmon shot multiple people at a Woodland bar

(Woodland, CA) – February 12, 2015 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on February 10, 2015, Superior Court Judge Stephen Mock sentenced 34-year-old Marcus Blackmon, of Sacramento, to 33 years with an additional 80 years-to-life in state prison. In December, 2014, a Yolo County jury convicted Blackmon of two counts of attempted murder, enhancements for being a gang member and causing great bodily injury. Additionally, the trial court found that Blackmon had been to state prison on two prior occasions which will enhance his sentence.

Blackmon is a member of the Fruit Ridge Vista Bloods. On August 28, 2011, he was at Tony's Bar in Woodland. During the evening, he was harassing a number of bar patrons asking them who they were and where they were from. Later in the evening, Blackmon pulled out a gun and shot one victim in the leg. He then fired additional shots. One bullet hit a nurse who was attempting to provide aid to the first victim. Blackmon was identified through diligent police work when the case detective collected a glass from the bar that had Blackmon's fingerprints on it. A Crime Scene Investigator lifted the fingerprint from the glass and matched it to Blackmon. Blackmon was arrested in Sacramento in April, 2012. In a car at his house, detectives found ammunition that matched some of the expended shell casings found at the crime scene.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig praised the diligent efforts of law enforcement. "This case represents a regional team effort to battle gang violence," said Reisig. "Woodland Police Department officers teamed up with members of both the Sacramento Sheriff and Sacramento Police to achieve this conviction."

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