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GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO 297 YEARS IN PRISON FOR WOODLAND SHOOTING

Woodland - May 5th, 2008 – 29 year old Arnolando Jaurez was sentenced by Judge Timothy Fall to state prison for 297 years to life for his role in two gang-motivated drive-by shootings that occurred in Woodland on October 10, 2004 and October 15, 2004. In April Mr. Jaurez was convicted by a jury of eleven counts of attempted murder and two counts of shooting at occupied dwellings. The crimes were enhanced by gang participation and firearm statutes.

Mr. Jaurez is a member of a Salinas based gang called La Posada Trece. The prosecution alleged that the shootings were done in retaliation for an injury Mr. Jaurez sustained in Woodland in 2001.

In his comment on the sentence, District Attorney Jeff Reisig said, " Severe prison sentences such as this should send a strong deterrent message to violent gun toting gang members."

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