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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: May 18, 2010  
Re: Gang Member Pleads Guilty to Attempted  
Murder Charge

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Marco Antonio Moreno-Robles, age 26, of Modesto, was convicted on May 18, 2010 of attempted murder and accessory after the fact. Moreno-Robles also admitted the crime was committed for the benefit of the Sureno criminal street gang.

On April 30, 2007, Moreno-Robles was present when a plan was discussed among Sureno gang members to kill a rival Norteno gang member as retaliation for acts of violence perpetrated by Nortenos against the Surenos. Moreno-Robles agreed to drive the assassin and two other gang members from Modesto to the city of Turlock to search for a target.

Eric Carrillo, age 17, was standing on the sidewalk talking on a cell phone as Moreno-Robles's car approached. Moreno-Robles stopped the car near Carillo which allowed the passenger, Luis Tafolla, to exit the car and approach Carillo who was wearing a red football jersey, the color associated with Norteno gang members. Carillo, however, was not a gang member. Tafolla shouted a gang challenge to Carillo and then shot him in the face. The bullet pierced Carillo's spine causing paralysis.

At the time of the plea, Eric Carillo was pushed in his wheelchair to the front of the counsel table in order to give a victim impact statement. Carillo looked Moreno-Robles in the eye before saying he forgave Moreno-Robles. Carillo then admonished Moreno-Robles to make better choices in his life.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Moreno-Robles to 15 years and 8 months in state prison. No date has yet been set for the trial of the alleged shooter who faces 50 years to life in prison.

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