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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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Re: Lorenzo Castro

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Lorenzo Castro, age 18, of Modesto, was convicted on May 7, 2012 of an attempted murder which was committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang. Deputy District Attorney John Baker prosecuted the case for the People.

On September 7, 2011, Castro confronted a man in the 1300 block of Paradise in Modesto. Castro was in a vehicle that stopped when its occupants saw the victim walking down the street. The victim was asked if he was a gang member. The victim was not a gang member. As the victim was leaving, Castro shot at him. The victim was unharmed by the bullet, but the bullet struck a bottle that the victim was holding in his hand.

Upon entry of a no contest plea, Judge Donna Frenchie-Reeves sentenced Castro to 15 years in state prison.

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