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**NEWS RELEASE**

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Re: Daniel Jimenez sentencing

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James C. Brazelton announced today that Daniel Uriel Jimenez, age 20, of Modesto, California, was sentenced to 10 years in state prison after having been previously convicted by a jury on February 21, 2003, in the Stanislaus County Superior Court. Jimenez was found guilty of various felony charges including assault, attempted arson, possession of a destructive device along with enhancements showing that the crimes were committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang. In addition to the jury convictions, Jimenez had also pleaded guilty to a felony assault charge in another case.

On August 20, 2001, just after midnight, Jimenez and several fellow gang members severely beat a 14 year old rival gang member. Shortly thereafter, Jimenez exploded a bottle containing ignited gasoline against a bedroom window of a nearby occupied family residence in an attempt to burn the home. Within minutes after the arson attack, Jimenez was located by law enforcement officers and arrested. The shirt which Jimenez was wearing at the time of the arrest was later tested and the presence of gasoline was detected.

Jimenez was sentenced by Judge John Whiteside, who had also presided over the jury trial

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