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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: People v. Sithy Bin

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Sithy Bin, age 25, of Modesto, was sentenced to state prison for a term of 40 years-to-life by the Honorable Scott Steffen on September 19, 2008. Bin had previously been convicted at jury trial of shooting at an inhabited dwelling, assault with a semi-automatic firearm, and being an active member of a criminal street gang. Bin was also found guilty of committing the crimes for the benefit of the Crips with Attitude (CWA) criminal street gang.

The case arose out of events which occurred on September 2, 2005 in the city of Modesto. On that date, the defendant drove to a home where a member of a rival street gang lived. Minutes after arriving at the home, Bin took a 9mm handgun and fired at the home and at people in the front yard. Bin shot and critically wounded a 39 year old mother who was at the home for a BBQ and was not associated with any gangs.

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