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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Justin Johnson – Gang member goes to
prison for seven years.

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Justin Johnson, age 20, of Turlock, was convicted of assault with a firearm and a gang enhancement on May 15, 2009. Deputy District Attorney Shawn D. Bessey prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on September 13th, 2008, in the city of Modesto. Witnesses identified Johnson as a person who shot at an unidentified man in the area of Oak Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard. Johnson, according to the Modesto Police Department, is a documented member of the Norteño Criminal Street Gang and it is believed he was shooting at a rival gang member. No one was hit or injured during the shooting.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced the defendant to seven years in state prison.

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