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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Antonio and Vivian Hernandez
Gang members sent to prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Antonio Hernandez, age 21, of Modesto, and his sister, Vivian Hernandez, age 24, also of Modesto were convicted on January 22, 2010 of Assault with a Firearm causing great bodily injury and an enhancement that the crime was done for the benefit of the Norteno gang. Deputy District Attorney Shawn D. Bessey prosecuted the case for the People.

On 04/12/08, Vivian Hernandez drove her brother to the area of Maze and Martin Luther King Blvd where Antonio Hernandez leaned out the window of their family SUV and fired his gun at several known Sureno gang members standing at the gas pumps of the corner store. A young gang member received an injury to his abdomen that required hospitalization. Antonio Hernandez is a documented Norteno gang member and Vivian Hernandez assisted in this crime that was done for the benefit of the Norteno criminal street gang.

Upon entry of both pleas, the Honorable Thomas Zeff sentenced Antonio Hernandez to 16 years in state prison and Vivian Hernandez was sentenced to 7 years in state prison.

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