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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Sergio Guadalupe Macias
Attempted Murder Conviction

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Sergio Guadalupe Macias, age 34, of Modesto was convicted of attempted murder on December 4, 2017 and sentenced to state prison. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On September 30, 2016 at around noon, a Ceres Police officer on routine patrol in the area of Mitchell Road and Fowler Road in Ceres was flagged down and directed to an assault taking place nearby. The officer saw Macias holding a steak knife and chasing the victim around a parked SUV while yelling that he was going to kill him. The victim had received cuts to his back, neck and finger. After repeated commands to surrender himself, Macias finally complied and was arrested. The victim's injuries required medical treatment including stitches.

During the investigation, the officer learned that Macias and the victim had been members of the same Mexican rock band. Macias was kicked out of the band for his excessive marijuana use; he would frequently forget the words and music to their songs during concerts. This outraged Macias and he felt disrespected, causing him to attack the victim.

Although Macias has no prior criminal history, visiting Judge Frank Dougherty followed the recommendation of prosecutor Mangar and immediately sentenced Macias to seven years in state prison. Attempted murder is also a "strike" under California's "Three Strikes" law that can be used to increase the punishment for any future crimes Macias may commit after being released from prison.

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