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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Joe Ramirez, Jr
Manslaughter Conviction

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Joe Ramirez, Jr., age 36, of Modesto, pled guilty to one count of manslaughter and one count of robbery on 2/21/18. Ramirez also admitted having previously been convicted of a serious felony. Ramirez is already serving a sentence of life without the possibility of parole related to his two previous murder convictions.

The current convictions involve criminal activity which occurred around 2010. At that time, Ramirez was a high-ranking member and "shot caller" for the Norteno criminal street gang in the Central Valley. Ramirez participated in and ordered fellow Norteno gang members to commit multiple armed robberies, drug rip offs and home invasions.

The current manslaughter conviction relates to a home invasion ordered and planned by Ramirez that occurred on March 24, 2010 near the area of Thrasher Avenue in Modesto.

During that home invasion, an occupant of the home was executed by a Norteno gang member as he begged for his life.

Upon entry of the plea, Judge McFadden ordered Ramirez to serve a 24-year sentence.

After the plea hearing, Ramirez was immediately transported under heavy security to a maximum-security institution within the state due to his status in the Norteno gang and other security concerns. Ramirez will serve out the remainder of his life sentence without any possibility of parole.

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