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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: May 31, 2018
Re: Juan Miguel Tinoco
Prison Sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Juan Miguel Tinoco, age 28, of Le Grand, has been sentenced to three consecutive life terms in state prison for his involvement in a 2015 shootout with Modesto police. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

On May 31, 2015, at 11:01 p.m., Modesto Police officers responded to a fight in the area of 8th and H streets but no disturbance was found. At 11:23 p.m. another caller reported that the subjects involved in the fight had returned "with guns." Officers responded to the area again and pursued a vehicle matching the description of those involved who were possibly armed. When the car was finally stopped, Tinoco got out of the rear passenger side door and began shooting at the police. Officers returned fire, striking Tinoco several times. He was taken into custody and treated for his wounds at a nearby hospital.

On March 9, 2018, Tinoco pleaded no contest to three counts of Attempted Murder of a Police Officer before Judge Scott Steffen. He also admitted personally using a firearm in the crime.

On May 23rd, Judge Steffen sentenced Tinoco to three consecutive life terms in state prison plus an additional four years for using a firearm. Since Tinoco was 25 years old at the time of the offense, he is considered a "youthful offender" for early parole purposes under recent changes in the law.

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