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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA -- December 6, 2002 -- Stanislaus County District Attorney James C. Brazelton announced today that Vincent Maciel Garcia, age 18, of Modesto, was sentenced to state prison for a term of 45 years to life at a hearing on December 5, 2002, in the Stanislaus County Superior Court. Garcia was convicted by a jury on September 9, 2002, for the felony offenses of one count of premeditated attempted murder, three counts of assault with a firearm and one count of participation in a criminal street gang. Garcia was also convicted of personally using and discharging a firearm in the commission of those crimes and, furthermore, of committing the crimes for the benefit of a criminal street gang. On May 5, 2002, Garcia, a member of criminal street gang, fired a shotgun numerous times in short succession at two rival street gang members and a twelve year old female bystander. The twelve year old was struck in the leg by a shotgun pellet. Garcia was on felony probation at the time for an assault with a deadly weapon conviction from 2001.

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