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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Christopher Villalobos #1408958
Gang Member Sentenced for Shooting

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Christopher Villalobos, age 18, was convicted on June 4, 2010 of shooting at a person from a motor vehicle and that the shooting was done for the benefit of the Sureno criminal street gang. Deputy District Attorney Shawn D. Bessey prosecuted the case for the People.

On May 11, 2008 in the city of Modesto, Villalobos, a juvenile at the time, went to an area where he had been involved in an earlier fist fight with several individuals. As the car drove by the victim's home, Villalobos, a passenger, fired a shotgun loaded with birdshot at the victim who was standing out in his yard. After missing the intended target, Villalobos was rapidly driven away from the area. The victim and the victim's family were reluctant to come forward, but detectives from the Modesto Police Department were able to identify Villalobos as the shooter. Additional investigation revealed Villalobos was an active member of the Sureno criminal street gang and the victim was a member of a rival gang.

The Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Villalobos to 8 years in state prison. Villalobos was charged as an adult because of the seriousness of the offense.

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