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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Alejandro Naranjo
Double Murder Conviction

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Alejandro Naranjo, age 24, of Modesto, has been convicted of two counts of murder along with other felony crimes and enhancements. Deputy District Attorney Brad Nix prosecuted the case on behalf of the people.

On April 26, 2014, Naranjo, who is a Sureno criminal street gang member, went to the El Rincon Bar on the outskirts of Waterford with his girlfriend. Naranjo went there armed with a handgun. The bar was a known hangout for rival Norteno street gang members.

After hiding his gun outside the bar, Naranjo and his girlfriend went inside for approximately an hour. During that time, witnesses saw Naranjo making repeated eye contact with victim Jose Leon, obviously trying to cause a confrontation. When Leon left the bar, Naranjo followed him.

Once outside, Naranjo retrieved his gun, walked up to Leon and shot him several times. After Leon fell to the ground, Naranjo walked up and fired one last shot directly to Leon's head.

In the pandemonium that ensued, Naranjo's ride home left without him. He walked up to a Kia Sorento occupied by victim Corrine Winters, age 33 and demanded her vehicle. When she refused, Naranjo shot her twice through the car window, killing her.

Sheriff's detectives quickly identified Naranjo as the shooter. He was contacted and agreed to turn himself in to authorities. During an interview, Naranjo eventually admitted to killing both victims.

On December 28, 2017, pursuant to a plea agreement, Naranjo pleaded guilty to two counts of first degree murder and admitted using a gun to kill the victims. He also pled guilty to attempted carjacking with use of gun and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Naranjo also admitted that

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each crime was committed to benefit a criminal street gang. He waived his rights to appeal his conviction and gave up good and work time custody credits accrued thus far. In return, a special circumstance allegation was dismissed.

Sentencing in the case is currently set for February 6, 2018 in Department 8. Naranjo faces a maximum potential sentence of 166 years and 6 months to life.

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