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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Enrique Gonzalez – 12 years in state
prison for Assault with a Firearm.

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Enrique Gonzalez , age 19, of Modesto, was convicted on August 3, 2009 of two counts of Assault with a Firearm, using a gun in the course of the crime, and inflicting great bodily injury on the victim. Deputy District Attorney Shawn D. Bessey prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on December 13th, 2008 in the city of Modesto. The defendant, Enrique Gonzalez, and a 23-year-old co-defendant, were attending a gathering at an apartment complex on Marseille Lane. Both Gonzalez and his partner confronted two other young male adults and asked them "where you from?". After the young men responded, the co-defendant pulled out a gun and tried to pistol whip one of the victims. Gonzalez then pulled out his gun and shot one of the young males in the leg. The two victims began to run and Gonzalez then shot at the second victim. During the confrontation, the victims pulled out their own weapons and returned fire. During the exchange of gunfire, Gonzalez was shot in the stomach with a bullet hitting and damaging his spinal cord causing him to be paralyzed from the waist down. Both victims went to the hospital and received medical care for non-life threatening gunshot wounds. Gonzalez also received medical care for more serious injuries. The co-defendant is currently pending charges for his involvement in the shooting.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable John Whiteside sentenced Gonzalez to 12 years in state prison.

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