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Re: Jorge Mendez – Defendant sentenced to Phone: (209) 525-5550

16 years to life for Murder

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jorge Mendez, age 22 of Patterson, was sentenced on February 25, 2010 to 16 year in state prison by the Honorable Thomas Zeff following his conviction on February 5, 2010 of Voluntary Manslaughter with the use of a firearm. Deputy District Attorney Shawn D. Bessey prosecuted the case for the People.

On March 18, 2005 in Patterson, Mendez, during an argument, pulled out a gun, shot and killed a friend, Julian Isquierdo.