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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: March 20, 2013  
Re: Arrest Warrants  
Served on Nuestra Familia  
Gang Members

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**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that several Nuestra Familia gang members and associates were arrested throughout the county pursuant to federal and state arrest warrants. The arrests were the result of a 10-month investigation conducted by the Central Valley Gang Impact Taskforce (CVGIT). Participants in the investigation or who assisted in the two-day take down include: the Central Valley Gang Impact Task Force, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office, Modesto Police Department, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office, Turlock PD, Ceres PD, California Highway Patrol, Stanislaus County Probation Department, Merced County Sheriff's Office, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and United States Probation Office.

The following defendants, who will be prosecuted in federal court by the United States Attorney's Office, were arrested following an indictment by a federal grand jury on March 7, 2013, charging them with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine and various other drug trafficking offenses:

Gary Romero, aka Pizza, aka Cesar, aka Pepperoni, 47, of Stockton;  
Joe Anthony Gomez Felix, aka Gator, aka Bullet, 33, of Modesto; (*arrested on Tuesday*)  
Danny Richard Edwin Brown, aka D-boy, 37, of Modesto; (*arrested on Tuesday*)  
Salvador Raymond Deleon Rodriguez, aka Sal, aka Fat Shark, 37, of Ceres;  
Maximilano Sanchez, aka Max, 38, of Turlock;  
Victor Barrajas Arriola, aka Twinky, 32, of Ceres, and  
Jesse Israel Alarcon, 23, of Modesto

The following defendants were arrested pursuant to state warrants and will be prosecuted by the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office:

Jesus Manuel Aispuro, aka Chuy, 18, of Turlock, for attempted murder with a gang enhancement

Jarred Elkins, 18, of Turlock, for attempted murder with a gang enhancement  
A 17-year-old juvenile, of Hilmar, for attempted murder with a gang enhancement  
Brian Gonzales, aka Troubles, 36, of Turlock, for attempted murder and burglary  
Jorge Trevino, 40, of Turlock, for sales of methamphetamine  
Steven Parga, aka Silent, 19, of Turlock, for conspiracy to transport marijuana and conspiracy to bring drugs into a custodial facility

According to court documents, these defendants were members of the Nuestra Familia prison gang or Norteño gangs that are “feeder” gangs for the Nuestra Familia. Court documents allege that these defendants engaged in a variety of crimes to include acts of violence and methamphetamine trafficking.

“This Central Valley Gang Impact Task Force operation exemplifies how multi-jurisdictional, collaborative FBI Safe Streets Task Forces successfully investigate and disrupt violent criminal gang activity in our communities,” said Herbert M. Brown, Special Agent in Charge of the Sacramento FBI. “Takedowns such as the effort in Modesto and Turlock today demonstrate the commitment of the FBI and its task force partners to improving of the quality of life in our communities by removing individuals who traffic dangerous drugs and commit violent crimes from our streets.”

“CVGIT is an excellent example of the strength of our law enforcement partnerships and how we are able to leverage that cooperation into operations that enhance public safety throughout the county,” said District Attorney Birgit Fladager. “Criminal street gangs are a permeating blight wherever they operate and it is vitally important that we work together to rid the community of them.”

The charges are allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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