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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that her office has received the 2015 Outstanding Law Enforcement Agency Award from the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California.

During a ceremony on Tuesday March 29th, 2016 here in Modesto, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District, Benjamin Wagner, recognized Fladager and her staff for their participation in a year-long investigation of the notorious Nuestra Familia prison gang and the local Norteno criminal street gangs they control.

District Attorney Investigations Bureau Lieutenant Froilan Mariscal oversaw an investigation conducted by a task force which included members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Modesto Police Department, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office, Probation, California Department of Corrections Parole division, Ceres Police Department and the California Highway Patrol. Their efforts resulted in 16 arrests with both state and federal prosecutions and convictions for crimes including drug trafficking, home invasion, carjacking, and a gang shooting.

Wagner also recognized the efforts of the District Attorney's Real Estate Fraud Unit. Investigator Glen Gulley was specifically thanked for his hard work with the FBI's Mortgage Fraud Task Force. Among other cases, Gulley investigated Xue Hue, who was ultimately federally indicted in both California and Texas. Gulley coordinated with Texas investigators and obtained evidence used to obtain Hue's conviction in Federal Court for the Eastern District of California as well as a California state conviction for Hue's activities while out on bail.

According to Ms. Fladager, "The public should appreciate the willingness of these federal and local agencies to combine resources and dedicate them over long periods of time. It requires cultivating informants, long hours of surveillance, and obtaining court ordered wiretaps to catch criminals like this who are very savvy to normal investigative techniques. "Such investigations require the investment of significant time and resources, but the reward for taking violent people off the street is well worth it."

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