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Convicted gang member paroled

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that convicted gang member and shooter Jesus Garcia, age 31, of Modesto, has been given a parole date after an October 12, 2017 parole hearing held at Avenal State Prison. Deputy District Attorney Jared Jordan appeared at the hearing on behalf of the People.

On May 22, 2001, at about 6:18 p.m., Garcia and several other Sureno criminal street gang members went looking for rivals hanging out in the area of Children's Park in Modesto. They baited some people into coming closer to their vehicle by yelling insults and gang slogans at them. When they got close enough, Garcia shot at them with a .38 caliber revolver. One victim was hit in the abdomen, but survived.

After the shooting, Garcia and his friends fled the area only to be found by Modesto Police officers in the area of 9th and B St. The gun used in the shooting was located along the vehicle's path of travel and tied to the crime.

On November 7 of 2002, Garcia pled to attempted murder and admitted an enhancement for inflicting great bodily injury as well as an enhancement that the crime was committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang. He was sentenced to serve twenty years in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Jordan appeared before the parole board and argued for continued confinement based upon Garcia being a risk to public safety if released. At the conclusion, the Board of Parole Hearings granted Garcia a parole date. This was his second parole hearing. He has served over sixteen years out of his twenty-year sentence.

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