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PRUNEDALE RESIDENT, ALONG WITH A NEVADA MAN ARE SENTENCED FOR 2013 GANG MURDER

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flipppo announced today that Alejandro Saldana, age 25 and a resident of Prunedale, and Richard Vasquez, age 25 of Sparks, Nevada, were each sentenced by Judge Larry Hayes to a term of 25 years-to-life in state prison. During jury trial, the two men entered guilty pleas to second degree murder, use of a firearm and acknowledged the crime was gang motivated.

On December 28, 2013, the defendants were riding in a car on Boronda Avenue just before noon. One of the defendants told the driver to pull over to the sidewalk because he spotted a man on a bicycle that appeared to have a Norteno affiliation, their street gang rivals.

Upon pulling over, the defendants exited the vehicle and fatally shot 27-year-old Eduardo Guijosa.

The case was investigated by the Salinas Police Dept. along with Monterey County District Attorney Investigators John Coletti, Ben Draeger, John Ferreria, and Steve Guidi.