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SURENO GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO 110 YEARS TO LIFE FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER, GANG AND FIREARM CHARGES

People v. Michael Serrano; SS170173C

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew G. Liu sentenced Michael Ray Serrano, age 22, a resident of Salinas, to a total term of 110 years-to-life in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

On February 7, 2019, a jury found Serrano guilty of eight felony charges, including three counts of attempted murder, three counts of assault with a semi-automatic firearm, and one count of shooting at an occupied building. The jury also found that Serrano personally discharged a firearm causing great bodily injury and found that the crimes were done for the benefit of, at the direction of, and in association with the Sureño Criminal Street Gang.

On April 18, 2016, three victims were playing cards in the carport area of their apartment located on North Main Street in Salinas. At approximately 9:07 p.m., Serrano and two accomplices approached the entrance to the carport area, pulled out semi-automatic firearms and opened fire. At least 23 rounds were fired, hitting one of the victims twice in the leg. Text messages located on Serrano's phone indicated that he and his accomplices were out looking for Norteño gang members to kill before they shot the victims, who were not affiliated with any criminal street gang.

This case was investigated by Detective Derek Gibson of the Salinas Police Department, as well as District Attorney Investigator John Coletti.

