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NORTENO GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR GANG RELATED ASSAULT

People v. Louis Gutierrez, 18CR008604

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew G. Liu sentenced Louis Gutierrez, a 39-year-old resident of Salinas, to 2 years in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

On June 19, 2019, Gutierrez pled guilty to felony assault and a gang enhancement, which means the crime was committed on behalf of the Norteno Criminal Street Gang. Gutierrez also admitted two prior strike convictions for attempted murder and assault with a semiautomatic firearm. The co-defendant, 21-year-old Richard Diaz, pled no contest to felony assault on April 26, 2019. The victim was a 14-year-old who was sitting on his bicycle when the defendants approached him. The victim was hit numerous times in the head and face with closed fists, eventually knocking him off his bike and on to the ground

On August 7, 2018, Motivating Individual Leadership for Public Achievement (MILPA) organized an event called “National Night Out for Safety and Liberation” at a local skate park. Gutierrez, a known Norteno gang member affiliated with the Fremont Street subset, served as an event coordinator while on active parole for attempted murder.

The entire attack was captured on Snapchat video by onlookers and submitted to the Salinas Police Department.

This case was investigated by Salinas Police Detective Derek Gibson.

