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**Subject: Gang Violence**

From January of 2009 to the present, the northern division of the Office of the District Attorney has filed over one hundred gang-related crimes on adult defendants, more than half of which stemmed from investigations completed by the Santa Maria Police Department. The types of crimes committed by gang members include but are not limited to murder, robbery, assault, vandalism and crimes committed with the use of firearms. These serious and violent crimes committed by gang members are vigorously prosecuted and substantial prison sentences are sought by the District Attorney.

Below is a summary of the most recent and significant gang-related criminal cases prosecuted:

- People v. Jeremy Wallin: convicted of first degree murder, kidnapping, robbery; all committed with the use of a firearm and all committed for the benefit of the Northwest Criminal Street Gang. The defendant is facing a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.
- People v. Gilbert Garcia: convicted of first degree murder and shooting into an occupied car, all committed for the benefit of the Tanglewood Criminal Street Gang. The defendant is facing a sentence of 25 years to life in prison.
- People v. Tyrel Jordan: convicted of voluntary manslaughter and mayhem, both committed with the use of a firearm and both committed for the benefit of the Six Deuces Brims (Blood) Criminal Street Gang. The defendant is facing a sentence of 40 years in prison.
- People v. Patrick McMillan: convicted of home invasion robbery, burglary of an inhabited house, rape, inflicting great bodily injury and child endangerment; all committed with the use of a firearm and all committed for the benefit of the Crips Criminal Street Gang. The defendant is facing a sentence of 49 years to life in prison.
- People v. Roderick Coleman: convicted of home invasion robbery, burglary of an inhabited house, rape, inflicting great bodily injury and child endangerment; all committed with the use of a firearm and all committed for the benefit of the Crips Criminal Street Gang. The defendant is facing a sentence of 37 years to life in prison.
- People v. Anthony Guzman: convicted of transportation/sales of methamphetamine while armed with a firearm and evading the police. The defendant is a member of the Northwest Criminal Street Gang and faces a sentence of 7 years 8 months in prison.
- People v. Jesus Chavarria, Joaquin Chavarria, Jose Avilez Mendoza and Victor Ortiz: all 4 defendants convicted of assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury, committed for the benefit of the Guadalupe Criminal Street Gang. Each defendant was sentenced to 4 years in prison.
- People v. Francisco Mejia: convicted of two counts of assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury, committed for the benefit of the Tangas Criminal Street Gang. The defendant was sentenced to 10 years in prison.
- People v. Bryan Rios Ramirez: convicted of assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury and assault with a deadly weapon, both committed for the benefit of the West Park Criminal Street Gang. The defendant faces 7 years in prison.
- People v. Ivan Matias: convicted of robbery and participation in the West Park Criminal Street Gang. The defendant faces 3 years in prison.
- People v. Keith Sullivan: convicted of possession of a firearm for the benefit of the Lompoc Westside VLP Criminal Street Gang.
- People v. Leopoldo Ibarra: convicted of assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury, committed for the benefit of the West Park Criminal Street Gang. The defendant was sentenced to 3 years in prison.
- People v. Daniel Ruvalcaba: convicted of assault causing great bodily injury, committed for the benefit of the West Park Criminal Street Gang. The defendant was sentenced to 12 years in prison.
- People v. Alfredo Munoz and Everado Orozco: both convicted of carjacking and participating in the West Park Criminal Street Gang. Both defendants were sentenced to 9 years in prison.

The District Attorney and the Santa Maria Police Department recognize the seriousness of crimes committed by gang members and the ongoing danger they present to the citizens of Santa Barbara County. The Office of the District Attorney will continue to vigorously and aggressively prosecute these cases and seek significant and appropriate sentences for those convicted of these violent offenses.