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West Sacramento Gang Members Convicted of Multiple Armed Robberies

(Woodland, CA) - November 15, 2017 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on November 9, 2017, a Yolo County Jury convicted 22-year-old West Sacramento resident Joshua Armond Cadenaz-Lopez and 20-year-old West Sacramento resident Ricky Gomez Hernandez of multiple counts of armed robberies, gang enhancements and gun charges.

Over the course of a five week trial the jury heard evidence that over a roughly 48 hour period in mid-October 2016, the defendants were part of a small crew of four that committed armed robberies at four different locations in Yolo and Sacramento Counties including a Denny's restaurant, a 7-11 in West Sacramento and two AM/PM stores in Sacramento County. Between the four locations, nine separate victims were robbed at gunpoint, sometimes being ordered to the ground. According to the evidence, which included video surveillance, the defendants would enter each establishment, guns drawn, and demand money from the patrons and store staff. Although the robbers wore masks, the prosecution was able to establish identity of the perpetrators by comparing surveillance video to cell phone videos, photos, clothing, weapons and other items of evidence collected in the investigation.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig thanked the West Sacramento Police, Sacramento Police and Department of Corrections for working hard on this joint investigation, which lasted several months. "Street gangs are a collective criminal enterprise that requires law enforcement agencies to work together, which was done and done well in this case." "Holding victims at gunpoint in public businesses," Reisig added, "is brazen, violent and terrifying conduct by street gangs, which cannot be tolerated."

The trial was presided over by Judge David Rosenberg. Judge Rosenberg is scheduled to sentence the defendants on December 12, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 14 of the Yolo County Superior Court.

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