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Re:  People v. Alejandro Carrillo

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Alejandro Carrillo was found guilty of First Degree Murder with the use of a gun causing death and the criminal street gang allegation, in addition to felon in possession of a firearm, possession of narcotics in jail, and possession of a shank in jail, all with the criminal street gang allegation.

The case of People v. Alejandro Carrillo involved the murder of Pedro Gonzalez on February 14, 2010. Mr. Gonzalez’s body was discovered dumped on the side of Bonita School Road, just over the Santa Barbara County line, on the early morning of February 15, 2010. The homicide was investigated by the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Department, who discovered that the murder had actually occurred in Guadalupe. Mr. Gonzalez was shot at close range by Alejandro Carrillo after Carrillo received orders to kill him from the reputed lead gang member. Mr. Carrillo was arrested on February 28, 2010, with a loaded .357 revolver in his waistband. He was later caught concealing narcotics and concealing a shank while housed in County Jail.

It is expected that Mr. Carrillo will be sentenced to life in prison.

District Attorney Joyce Dudley commented that Senior Deputy District Attorney Ann Bramsen, along with the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Department and the Santa Maria Police Department Gang Suppression Team, invested countless hours into the investigation and successful prosecution of a very dangerous gang member. It was truly a multijurisdictional team effort. District Attorney Dudley went on to say, "A violent gang member has now been removed from our county and therefore will never be able to harm another person in our community."

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