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Re: Jury Trial Conviction for Delano Shooting DF013443

Kern County District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced convictions in a significant case today. On November 5, 2019, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Joseph Cho, a Kern County jury found Javier Carranco Jr. and Miguel Madrigal guilty of shooting at an inhabited dwelling, five counts of assault with a firearm, gang conspiracy, possession of a firearm by a gang member, possession of an assault weapon, and reckless evasion during a vehicle pursuit.

During the early morning hours on April 4, 2018, Carranco and Madrigal, active members of the Norteno criminal street gang, were driving around Delano when they observed their first victim having vehicle issues by the side of the road. They fired multiple shots from a revolver at this victim, striking the victim's vehicle at least once. About an hour later, Carranco and Madrigal drove to a house in Delano where six adults and two children were sleeping inside. They fired about a dozen shots from an AK-47 style assault weapon at the house and the two vehicles parked on the driveway. Fortunately, no one was injured during this attack.

Delano police officers responding to the second shooting observed a vehicle, occupied by Carranco and Madrigal, traveling away from the direction of the shooting and attempted to conduct an investigatory traffic stop on the vehicle. Carranco and Madrigal fled from police, resulting in a high-speed pursuit that reached speeds of 100 mph. At the end of the pursuit, Carranco and Madrigal were removed from their vehicle and placed under arrest. Inside their vehicle in plain view, officers located an AK-47 style assault weapon and a revolver. The Kern Regional Crime Lab connected casings recovered at the house where the second shooting occurred with the AK-47 seized from Carranco and Madrigal's vehicle. Additional DNA evidence was located on the revolver that further connected the defendants to the two shootings.

Notified of the verdict, District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer stated that "Effective policing and prosecution of gang-related shootings is critical to stopping recent increases in violent crime. The quick response of the Delano Police Department, combined with the crime lab's ability to process the recovered evidence were critical to these important convictions."

The sentencing date is set for December 11, 2019. Both defendants face sentences in excess of 15 years to life in prison.

Photograph of firearms recovered by Delano Police Department upon the defendants' arrest:



Javier Carranco Jr:



Miguel Madrigal:

