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Kern County District Attorney Lisa Green announced a verdict in a significant gang case today. A Kern County jury convicted Daniel Razo Garcia of one count of first degree murder, with the special circumstance of murder committed in the course of a robbery.

The jury heard evidence of how Daniel Razo Garcia arranged to purchase cocaine from the victim, Raul Quintana, in the almond orchards just north of Wasco on the night of January 28, 2018. A Snapchat conversation earlier in the week revealed that Garcia was angry at Quintana for not paying a drug debt. After Quintana arrived at the meeting place, he was shot eight times with multiple weapons, including three rounds to the back. Detectives from the Kern County Sheriff's Office found Quintana's body the next day. His pockets were pulled inside out and empty, indicating a theft or robbery. Testimony at trial revealed that prior to the meeting Quintana had been selling narcotics throughout the day and had \$1,500.00 in his wallet.

A sentencing date for Daniel Razo Garcia is currently set for September 26, 2018, before the Honorable Michael E. Dellostritto. Garcia faces a maximum sentence of life without the possibility of parole. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney William Schlaerth.