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Re: Jury Trial First Degree Murder Conviction with Special Circumstance: Carlos Carrillo, case BF180529A

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced a jury trial conviction on a significant murder with special circumstance case today. On Wednesday March 10, 2021, a Kern County jury found Defendant Carlos Carrillo guilty of first-degree murder and found true the special circumstance of intentionally discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle. The victim was 19-year old Arturo Galvan III. The jury also found Carrillo guilty of two counts Assault With a Firearm on two additional victims, one count of Shooting at an Occupied Vehicle, two counts of Illegal Possession of Firearms, as well as charges for Possession of both Cocaine and Methamphetamine for Sale.

Late at night on June 16, 2019, victim Arturo Galvan III was dropping off two friends on Rounds Street in Delano, California. A gray Honda pulled next to Galvan and his friends. Carlos Carrillo, who was inside the Honda, fired six shots at the group of three victims, striking Galvan three times. The three victims exited their truck to hide and avoid further gunfire. The victims' truck was left in drive when the victims fled the shooting, causing the truck to collide with the Honda occupied by Carrillo. The Honda whipped around to flee the scene, but in the process of turning, the shooter, Carlos Carrillo, was ejected from the Honda. Carrillo struck his head on the street leaving a tiny spot of blood behind on the street. Carrillo was able to get back into the Honda and flee the scene. Delano Police Department Detective Antonio Alvarez found the tiny blood spot on the street after interviewing a witness who described the area Carrillo fell out of the Honda. The blood evidence was collected and preserved for analysis.

The Kern Regional Crime Laboratory developed a DNA profile from the spot of blood collected at the crime scene which matched the defendant's DNA profile. The defendant was arrested for the murder on March 24, 2020 and during the arrest, officers found cocaine, methamphetamine, marijuana, and illegal firearms were in his bedroom.

Sentencing in the case is set for April 23, 2021 where Carrillo faces a maximum sentence of Life Without the Possibility of Parole, (LWOP). Additional gang enhancements attached to the narcotics and weapons

charges were separated into a separate proceeding scheduled to begin after the verdict returned on the substantive charges. In light of the special circumstances murder conviction and anticipated Life Without Parole Sentence, the remaining enhancements were dismissed in the interest of justice. Carrillo was alleged to be a member of the Norteno criminal street gang operating in Delano.

Advised of the verdict, District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction:

“Police officers and Detectives responding to murder scenes are responsible for identifying every possible piece of evidence that may shed light on who perpetrated such a violent crime. The Delano Police Department successfully identified and preserved the key piece of evidence needed for our prosecutors to ensure justice is served in this case. Witnesses often provide crucial links to locating and preserving evidence in violent crimes, and every bit of information can help point detectives in the right direction.”



Carlos Carrillo