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*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Daniel Alvarez (DOB 3/23/93), of Oxnard, was convicted by a jury of one count of assault with a deadly weapon. The jury also found true a special allegation that Alvarez committed the assault for the benefit of and in association with a criminal street gang. Alvarez was an active member of the Bad Habits criminal street gang in the city of Oxnard.

At the trial, witnesses testified that Alvarez, along with five other members and associates of the gang, approached a group of five individuals, three males and two females, walking home from a restaurant in 2012. One member of the gang asked the victims, “Where are you from?” and “Do you bang?” Eventually, one of the gang members threw a beer bottle at the chest of one of the male victims. A second male victim sustained four stab wounds to his back. When police arrested Alvarez two hours after the crime, he yelled the name of his gang during his contact with the officers.

Sentencing is currently set for May 16, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 25 of the Ventura Superior Court, County of Ventura. Alvarez faces a maximum possible sentence of nine years in prison. Four other members of the attack have already pled guilty and been sentenced in this case.

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