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**Oxnard Man Convicted by Jury of 2013 Gang Shooting**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that a jury found Frank J. Ruiz (DOB 9/17/81), of Oxnard, guilty of assault with a firearm and street terrorism. The jury also found true that the assault with a firearm was committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang.

On October 11, 2013, the victim and his wife went to a grocery store in Oxnard. While the victim's wife shopped in the store, the victim remained near their vehicle in the parking lot. At the same time, Ruiz, a documented gang member, along with a juvenile associate, exited the store with two unidentified females. Witnesses observed the juvenile associate exchange words with the victim and initiate a fight by punching the victim. Ruiz then retrieved a firearm from his vehicle. When the victim noticed Ruiz approaching with the firearm, he ran towards the grocery store for safety. Ruiz fired one shot at the fleeing victim but missed. Oxnard Police Department officers arrived within minutes and investigated the shooting. Ruiz and the juvenile associate were later identified as the perpetrators of the crime through witness statements and surveillance video. The firearm was later found by police and forensically matched to this shooting.

Ruiz will be sentenced April 16, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 47 of the Ventura Superior Court, County of Ventura. Ruiz faces a maximum sentence of 23 years in prison.

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