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Santa Paula Man Sentenced to 29 Years to Life for Party Bus Shooting

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Erick Medrano (DOB 12/09/1992), of Santa Paula, was sentenced to 29 years to life in prison by Judge Ryan Wright. On July 20, 2018, Medrano was convicted in a jury trial of first-degree attempted murder and assault with a firearm. The jury additionally found that the offenses were committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang, and that Medrano intentionally discharged a firearm at the victim, causing great bodily injury.

On July 17, 2015, Medrano was on a party bus leaving Santa Paula for Los Angeles for a birthday celebration. The victim, a family member of the party-goers and a rival gang member, got into a physical altercation with Medrano on the bus. Medrano made multiple calls notifying gang associates to wait for the arrival of the bus upon its return to Santa Paula.

When the bus arrived in Santa Paula, Medrano was seen retrieving a pistol from his accomplices, then following the victim, who was walking away from the bus. Medrano fired a semi-automatic pistol at the victim, causing a severe wound to the victim's hand. Medrano was arrested later that morning at Ventura County Medical Center, where he was brought by a female accomplice, having sustained his own wounds during the assault.

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