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Gang Member Sentenced to 75 Years to Life for Murder

Today, September 26th, 2022, Reymundo Fernando Munoz (38, of Fresno) was sentenced to 75 years to life for the first-degree murder of Joseph Garcia Lara (31, of Fresno), as well as an enhancement for personal use of a firearm causing death. Munoz's sentence was handed down following a jury trial that concluded with a guilty verdict on August 16th, 2022, in the Fresno Superior Court.

Munoz was arrested by the Fresno Police Department on August 12th, 2020, following a tip received through Crime Stoppers. Evidence presented at trial showed that on August 8th, 2020, Munoz, while armed with a gun, was at the intersection of Calwa Avenue and Tenth Street in Fresno when he fired at Joseph Lara two times, killing him.

In addition, on September 12, 2022, while inside the Fresno County Jail waiting to be sentenced, Munoz, along with six other Bulldog gang members, attacked a correctional officer causing great bodily injury. Munoz has been charged in F22906704 and that case is still ongoing.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office would like to thank the Fresno Police Department Homicide Detectives for their dedication to this case.

The case was successfully prosecuted by Senior Deputy District Attorney Amythest Freeman with our Homicide Unit. Ms. Freeman was assisted by District Attorney Senior Investigator Michael Johns from the Fresno County District Attorney's Bureau of Investigations.

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