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Oxnard Gang Member Sentenced for Murder

VENTURA, Calif. - On April 19, 2023, Jason Armenta (DOB 03/06/01), of Oxnard, was sentenced in Ventura County Superior Court to 50 years to life in prison. Armenta had previously been convicted by a jury on April 26, 2022, of the first-degree murder of Cristobal Gonzalez, a rival gang member. The jury also found Armenta guilty of attempted murder of a second victim, that Armenta personally used a firearm in the commission of the crimes, and that the crimes were committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang.

On April 4, 2021, Armenta drove multiple times into a residential neighborhood in south Oxnard, looking for rival gang members and eventually parked and exited his car. Armenta then ran toward a playground area where Mr. Gonzalez was standing and fired numerous rounds from a semi-automatic handgun at Mr. Gonzalez and a second victim. Mr. Gonzalez was struck once in the head and died hours later. The other victim was not struck.

The murder of Cristobal Gonzalez and the attempted murder of the second victim was investigated by the Oxnard Police Department. Senior Deputy District Attorney Melissa Suttner prosecuted the case.

“Gang violence harms our community,” Suttner said. “Armenta’s conduct killed one person but put the lives of an entire residential neighborhood in danger. We will continue to fully prosecute these crimes to help keep our communities safe.”

Case: 2021010124

Defendant Information:

Jason Armenta (DOB 03/06/01)

Oxnard

Found guilty of:

- PC 187(a) - First-degree murder
- PC 664/187(a) - Attempted murder

Special allegations found true:

- PC 12022.53(d) - Personal use of a firearm in commission of the crime
- PC 186.22(b)(1)(c) - Crime committed for benefit of a gang

