## <u>Gang Members Convicted of Attempted</u> <u>Murder</u>



DATE: August 21, 2019

CASE: Elton Ackerson, Lonnie Kilgore, Dereck GI, Malik Green-Geiger (Case #17FE001073)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Aaron Miller, Gangs & Hate Crimes Unit

Elton Ackerson, Lonnie Kilgore, Dereck GI, and Malik Green-Geiger were convicted by a jury of premeditated attempted murder, personal use of a firearm causing great bodily injury, and unlawful firearm and ammunition possession. The jury found true the allegations that all of the crimes were committed for the benefit of or in association with the Strawberry Manor Gangster Bloods criminal street gang.

On October 20, 2016, the defendants drove into Del Paso Heights intending to kill a rival Del Paso Heights Blood gang member. The group spotted the victim, a Del Paso Heights Blood, driving in a car and followed him until he exited his car. Two of the defendants immediately began shooting at the victim. The victim was struck once, but survived. The bullets also struck a parked car and a school where classes were being held. The defendants then fled Del Paso Heights to Malik Green-Geiger's apartment. Elton Ackerson, Dereck GI, and Lonnie Kilgore were targets of a 2016 wiretap operation run by the Sacramento Police Department and the California Department of Justice. On November 20, 2016, officers intercepted a phone call to Dereck GI that led to the seizure of one of the guns used in the shooting. Officers located the other gun used in the shooting during service of a search warrant at Elton Ackerson's residence.

Allegations that Ackerson suffered a prior strike conviction for robbery; Green-Geiger suffered a prior strike conviction for assault with a firearm; and Kilgore suffered a prior strike conviction for first-degree residential burglary will be determined at the sentencing hearing.

Ackerson and Kilgore face a maximum sentence of 50 years to life in prison. Green-Geiger faces a maximum of 44 years to life in prison. GI faces a maximum of 32 years to life in prison. Sentencing will be held on October 11, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 15 before the Honorable Kevin McCormick.

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