

# Gang Members Sentenced for Attempted Murder



## Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

*Semper Justitia*

**DATE:** November 15, 2019

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

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

The Honorable Kevin McCormick sentenced Lonnie Kilgore to 56 years, 4 months to life, Elton Ackerson to 53 years, 4 months to life and Dereck GI to 39 years to life in prison. Malik Green-Geiger was previously sentenced to 44 years to life in prison.

On August 19, 2019, a jury convicted Elton Ackerson, Lonnie Kilgore, Dereck GI, and Malik Green-Geiger 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.

All three defendants were previously convicted of strike offenses, which increased their sentences. Ackerson was convicted of robbery in 2009; Green-Geiger was convicted of assault with a firearm in 2010; and Kilgore was convicted of first-degree residential burglary in 2012.

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