



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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ALEJANDRO PAZ FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER AND ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM FOR EASTER 2009 SHOOTING

Deputy District Attorney Brian Hutchins and Senior Investigator Ben Castellanos are pleased to announce that today, November 9, 2015, Alejandro Paz was found guilty of manslaughter and assault for the 2009 killing of Richard Cervantes.

The jury convicted 29-year-old Alejandro Paz of Voluntary Manslaughter for the Easter Sunday, 2009, shooting death of Mr. Cervantes in Clovis at the intersection of Scott and Dewitt. The jury also convicted the defendant of four counts of assault with a firearm on four additional victims that were in a nearby car and had arrived at the scene with Mr. Cervantes. The jury also found true that the defendant personally used a firearm in the commission of the offenses.

Sentencing is scheduled for December 10, 2015 at 9 a.m. in Department 61.

Mr. Paz is facing a sentence of 38 years and 4 months when sentenced.

Deputy District Attorney Hutchins would like to thank Detective John Willow of the Clovis Police Department for his hard work and dedication to obtaining justice for the victims in this case.

The media may contact Administrative Legal Assistant Leslie Gillespie at (559) 600-4442 with any questions.

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