



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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GANG MURDERER JESSIE AGUILAR CONVICTED OF BATTERY UPON FRESNO COUNTY JAIL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

Jessie Aguilar (43, of Fresno) has been convicted of assaulting two (2) Fresno County Jail Correctional Officers, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office has announced.

On September 18, 2017, Mr. Aguilar was convicted by a Fresno County jury of the First Degree Murder of Fernando Rivera Zapata and the Attempted Murder of Fernando Zapata Jr. The jury also found that the defendant used a firearm in the commission of those crimes, and that the crimes were committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang.

On September 22, 2017, while housed in the Fresno County Jail awaiting sentencing for the murder and attempted murder convictions, Mr. Aguilar assaulted two (2) Fresno County Sheriff's Office's Correctional Officers.

Yesterday, a Fresno County jury found Mr. Aguilar guilty of two (2) felony counts of Battery Upon a Correctional Officer, as well as a related allegation that he inflicted Great Bodily Injury upon one of the victims.

Today, the Honorable Judge Culver-Kapetan found that the defendant has previously been convicted of four (4) serious or violent "Strike" Offenses, and has previously been sentenced to State Prison on three (3) prior occasions.

Mr. Aguilar faces a sentence of up to 43 years to life in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation when he is sentenced for these crimes on July 26, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 54.

Mr. Aguilar is currently serving a term of Life in Prison for the murder and attempted murder convictions.

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