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## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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### **DWIGHT GROSS SENTENCED TO LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE**

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Dwight Clifford Gross was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole after being convicted on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 of first degree murder in the Madera County Superior Court. The trial, which lasted almost two months, ended with the jury finding the defendant guilty of actively participating in a criminal street gang. The jury also found special allegations to be true in that the defendant intentionally killed the victim while being an active participant in a criminal street gang and that he killed the victim for the benefit of a criminal street gang. Senior Deputy District Attorney Eric DuTemple Prosecuted the case for the Madera County District Attorney's Office.

Gerald "Buddy" Warren, the victim in the case, was a father of five when he was murdered in the early morning hours of New Year's Day 2013. Dwight Gross, a member of a criminal street gang called the "Seaside Crips," committed the murder after an altercation inside of a local Madera Bar. The evidence at trial showed that after the altercation, members of the Seaside Crips drove to Millview Drive in Madera to continue the altercation. The Victim, Mr. Warren, was not involved in the altercation at the bar, but was confronted by members of the Crips when they arrived. Mr. Gross later murdered Mr. Warren after a verbal and physical altercation ensued.

The Madera County District Attorney's Office would like to thank the Madera Police Department for their excellent work in this case, as well as the Seaside Police Department, the Monterey Police Department, and the Monterey County District Attorney's Office for all their help and cooperation during this investigation and trial.

Most importantly, the Madera County District Attorney's Office would like to extend its deepest condolences to Gerald Warren's family and friends. It is hoped that the defendant's guilty verdict and life sentence will bring some measure of closure for the people who knew and loved "Buddy" best.