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Gang Member Convicted of First Degree Murder

Date: August 11, 2011
Time: 2:10PM
Location: 800 Block of East Washington
Victim: **Saul Perez 29 years old**
Case #: **099105227**

Summary: On August 10, 2011 at the San Bernardino Superior Court House, Matthew Green a documented gang member out of Los Angeles was convicted of first degree murder in the killing of Saul Perez. On July 11, 2009 Green was at a gathering in an apartment complex located in the 800 block of East Washington when he got into a verbal argument with some of the people at the gathering. Green left the location and a short while later returned back to the apartment complex where he shot Perez numerous times at point blank range. Matthew Green then fled California and went to Las Vegas Nevada where he evaded authorities for approximately 7 months. On February 17, 2010 Green was contacted at a convenience store in Las Vegas and was subsequently arrested for his homicide warrant out of San Bernardino County. Green was extradited from Las Vegas to the Colton Police Department, and later booked into the San Bernardino County Central Detention Center on murder charges. Green's conviction also came with a special gang enhancement as well as a hate crime enhancement, the jury found both allegations to be true. The hate crime enhancement carried a life sentence without the possibility of parole. The prosecutor in this case was Cary Epstein from the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, and the lead investigator was Detective Robert Wilson from the Colton Police Department.
