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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**EXETER MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR DRIVE BY SHOOTING**

Yesterday in Department 6 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Gary Paden sentenced Brendon Martin, age 19, of Exeter, to 32 years to life in prison for a drive by shooting that left one seriously wounded. On August 31, 2017, Martin pleaded no contest to one count of attempted murder with the special allegations of causing great bodily injury, personal discharge of a firearm causing injury, and discharge of a firearm from a moving vehicle.

On the morning of April 23, 2016, three individuals were walking in the area of Pine and F St. in Exeter when a car pulled up next to them and asked about their gang affiliation. Ignoring the request, the group kept walking until gunfire rang out from the car, striking one member of the group, a 14-year-old girl, near her spine. Martin was later located through witness reports and was determined to be both the driver and the shooter.

The case was prosecuted by Kirk Davis of the Major Crimes Division and investigated by the Exeter Police Department and the Tulare County Sheriff's Office.

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