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TULARE GANG MEMBER FOUND GUILTY OF SHOOTING AT HOMES

Late yesterday afternoon in Department 10 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Kathryn Montejano presiding, a Tulare County jury found Cristian Renteria, age 22, of Tulare, guilty of two counts of shooting at inhabited dwellings with the special allegations of personal discharge of a firearm and that the crime was committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang.

Just before midnight on August 8, 2014, Renteria and several others were walking in the area of Merritt and Denair in Tulare when a nearby resident standing outside his home heard the group using gang slurs. A short time later, Renteria returned and fired two shots from a .22 handgun at a nearby house. Renteria then turned his attention to some dogs at a house next door which had been startled by his gunshots. Renteria fired more shots at this house, with one round striking a flat screen TV in the living room while the frightened residents ducked for cover. No one was injured. Renteria fled the scene, but was arrested by Tulare Police Department officers on August 13, 2014 after witness accounts confirmed his identity.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 25, 2018 in Superior Court where Renteria faces life in prison.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Sean Sangree and investigated by the Tulare Police Department.

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