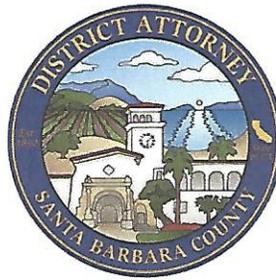


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**Re: *People v. Osbaldo Hernandez and Cherie Rodriguez; Case No. 1449477***

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that Superior Court Judge James Voysey sentenced 38-year old defendant Osbaldo Hernandez to 45 years in prison for committing a violent assault in the Chumash Casino parking lot. Hernandez's co-defendant, 32-year old Cherie Rodriguez, was sentenced to seven years in prison.

On November 5, 2013, Hernandez and Rodriguez lured the victim to a location in the Chumash Casino parking lot and violently stabbed him multiple times. On April 8, 2016, Hernandez pled guilty to Attempted Murder, 664/187 P.C., and Robbery, 211 P.C. He admitted a special allegation of using a knife and inflicting great bodily injury upon the victim. Moreover, he admitted that he committed the attempted murder for the benefit of a criminal street gang. Co-defendant Rodriguez pled guilty to Assault with a Deadly Weapon and inflicting great bodily injury.

The defendants and the victim were all from the Nipomo area.

District Attorney Dudley stated, "The excellent investigation by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office was exemplary and, as a result, these two gang members will be removed from our streets and our community will be safer."

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