

COUNTY OF FRESNO

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NEWS RELEASE

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JUAN OROZCO SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER COMMITTED DURING A HOME INVASION BURGLARY

Today, February 14, 2017, Juan Carlos Orozco was sentenced to life in prison for an attempted murder committed during a home invasion burglary in Huron in 2015.

On New Years Day 2015, Mr. Orozco, along with 2 co-participants, pushed their way into the victim's apartment in Huron. The victim was home at his kitchen table along with his wife and family, including a 3 year old baby girl. Mr. Orozco and another gang member fired off multiple rounds at point blank range while the third gang member used his gun to keep other family members at bay. Fortunately, the victim survived and recovered from multiple gunshot wounds.

In September 2016, a Fresno County jury found Mr. Orozco guilty of attempted murder, assault with a firearm, and first degree burglary, as well as additional allegations that a firearm was used during the crimes and that the crimes were committed for the benefit of a street gang.

Today, the Honorable Judge Jon Skiles sentenced Juan Orozco to 17 years, plus 25 years to Life in prison for the crimes.

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