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A Chico kidnaping case, involving members of the same drug dealing ring and gang, ended yesterday with the final defendant being sent to prison.

District Attorney Mike Ramsey announced today that defendant Christopher Gordon Earls, 22, also known as “Ink Face” due to numerous tattoos on his face, pled no contest last October to the Chico kidnaping. Earls also admitted use of a firearm and serving a prior prison term. Butte County Superior Court Judge William Lamb sentenced Earls to ten years in prison last November.

Co-defendant Darrell Dewayne Doshier was sentenced Wednesday by Judge Gerald Hermansen in Butte County Superior Court. Having pled no contest to felony promotion of gang crime, a “strike” offense, Doshier received the maximum prison term of three years and an additional eight months in prison for a separate methamphetamine possession case.

The convictions stem from their crimes committed in Chico in August 2007 when Earls held a member of his own gang at gun point in a car. Earls then had the victim delivered to fellow gang member Doshier’s residence in Chico. Doshier had demanded to see the victim because the victim lost Doshier’s money and drugs in a robbery. After being struck with a gun, the victim assured the two defendants the victim could get the money in another county. While enroute, but still at gun point, the victim sent a text message to a friend for help. The friend called law enforcement and the car was stopped with Earls inside the car holding a gun on the victim.

Ramsey noted today, “This prosecution protects the community two fold. By sending these men to prison we are able to impact two areas of crime that are increasingly connected: drugs and gangs. We have removed men who are both gang members and drug dealers.”