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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey announced today that two gang members entered felony pleas for their roles in a Chico drive by shooting.

The gang motivated shooting took place shortly before midnight on November 25, 2005 in California Park, an upscale residential neighborhood on Chico's eastside. Witnesses said a passenger in a red car fired one shot from a handgun at the victim who was standing in the road near the intersection of Yosemite Drive and Idyllwild Circle. The 22 year old victim, whom Ramsey declined to identify, was treated and released at Enloe Hospital for a gunshot wound to his abdomen.

Ramsey said it appears the defendants believed the victim was involved with a rival gang. "This case is but one example of the long term trend of increasing gang violence."

An investigation by the Chico Police Department quickly identified Raul Linarez as the shooter and Steven Campbell as the driver. During a search of Linarez's home police found a .22 revolver wrapped in a red bandana. During a search of Campbell's car and home, police found several items consistent with gang involvement.

Raul Linarez, 18, plead no contest to assault with a deadly weapon and admitted an enhancement for personal use of a deadly weapon. With the plea, Linarez is now facing 14 years in state prison.

Steven Campbell, 18, plead no contest to being an accessory after the fact and admitted a gang enhancement. Campbell is facing 7 years in state prison.

Sentencing for both Linarez and Campbell is set for April 21<sup>st</sup>.