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The second of two gang members accused of stabbing two Oroville teens at a party last year was sentenced today to the maximum term of eight years in Butte County Superior Court.

Timothy Donald Galles, 20, Oroville was sentenced by Judge Steven J. Howell to eight years in state prison for his part in crashing a teenage party in Oroville on May 8, 2005. In June of this year he pleaded no contest to felony assault and being a member of a criminal street gang. His co-defendant Antonio "Fat Tony" Garcia, 20, Olivehurst was sentenced in August to three years eight months in state prison. Both were accused of crashing an Oroville teen after-prom party and being involved in a resulting melee in which two Oroville teenagers were seriously stabbed.

District Attorney Mike Ramsey stated he was grateful that two more "dangerous gang-bangers" are off the streets for a substantial time. It was the recent upsurge in gang violence that saw Ramsey successfully approach the Butte County Board of Supervisors this summer to ask for additional prosecutors to deal with the increasing gang problem.