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## ***KING CITY NORTENO GANG MEMBER CONVICTED OF 2016 KING CITY MURDER***

*People v. Trivino*; 21CR004236

*Salinas, California*- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that a jury convicted John Samuel Trivino, AKA “Smack,” 27, of Greenfield, of Murder and Conspiracy to Commit Murder, for killing Martin Heredia, 20, of King City. Judge Mark E. Hood presided over this trial.

In the nighttime hours of June 7, 2016, the victim Martin Heredia had three friends over visiting at his family’s King City home. Later, Mr. Heredia and his friends left his home, purchased food, and returned. A black pickup truck occupied by the defendant Trivino and fellow Norteno gang members passed Mr. Heredia and his friends right when they walked into Mr. Heredia’s home. This truck then parked around the corner from Mr. Heredia’s home. Trivino exited the truck and proceeded towards Mr. Heredia’s residence. Mr. Heredia exited his home to get a bag of chips he left inside his friend’s vehicle. Just before Mr. Heredia returned inside his home, Trivino opened fire on Mr. Heredia, striking Mr. Heredia and his residence. Mr. Heredia later died from his gunshot wounds.

Continuing investigation finally led to Trivino’s arrest in 2021.

Sentencing dates for Trivino will be set at a later date. Trivino faces a maximum term of 50 years-Life in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Another defendant in this case, Kendrix Perez, faces trial later this year.

Det. Allen Rowe and Sgt. John Dow from the King City Police Department investigated this case. Bill Clark and John Magana investigated this case from the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office.