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**Gang Member Sentenced to 21 Years and Four Months**

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Today, Jovanni Bergara, a 22 year old Norteno gang member from Hayward, pleaded guilty today to armed robbery (Penal Code section 211) and to permitting someone to fire a gun from a motor vehicle (Penal Code section 12034(b)) in an incident that occurred in Happy Valley last September.

In addition, the defendant admitted allegations that he had previously been convicted of a strike offense (Burglary) under California's Three Strike's Law and that he had personally used a gun in the commission of this robbery.

The current charges stemmed from a robbery that occurred on September 26, 2010, during which the defendant and two others lured the victim to a secluded location in Happy Valley with the promise to sell the victim Oxycontin prescription pills. When the victim arrived with one of the co-defendants, the defendant came out from hiding, produced a Tech 9 semi-automatic handgun and demanded the victim's money. After the victim handed the defendant \$1,200, he was shot.

After shooting the victim, Bergara and his co-defendants fled in a car driving from Happy Valley to south bound I-5. The victim followed the defendants'

car as they made their escape. After the defendants shot at his car during that pursuit, the victim stopped his car and called 911 and reported that he was shot.

Minutes later, Shasta County Sheriff Deputies stopped the car that the defendants were in as it drove on to I-5 south from Gas Point Road.

The victim was treated and released from the emergency room the night of the robbery and shooting.

Today the defendant was sentenced to 21 years and four months in state prison. Also, the defendant gave up six months of custody credits he had pending on this case, making his overall sentence approximately 22 years in state prison.