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Kern County District Attorney Lisa S. Green announced a conviction in a serious case this week. On Monday, August 13, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Marcus Cuper, a Kern County jury convicted defendants Guillermo Vasquez and Nicky Carrillo of first degree murder, and found true the allegation that Vasquez and Carrillo discharged a firearm causing death. On Tuesday, August 21, the same jury found true the allegation that Vasquez and Carrillo committed the murder for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with, a criminal street gang.

On February 18, 2017, Guillermo Vasquez and Nicky Carrillo shot Francisco Amavisca at the Residence Hotel on Union Ave. The bullet struck Mr. Amavisca in the leg, piercing his femoral artery and causing him to bleed to death within minutes. There were no eyewitnesses to the shooting. Detectives with the Bakersfield Police Department uncovered a wealth of circumstantial evidence at the Residence Hotel, including a firearm, shell casings, facemasks, and surveillance video depicting the defendants as they attempted to conceal their identities immediately prior to the shooting. The defendants' DNA and fingerprints were located on several items of evidence.

The defendants are facing 50 years to life at their sentencing scheduled for September 26, 2018, before the Honorable Kenneth C. Twisselman. The sentencing will take place in Department 9 of the Metropolitan Division of the Kern County Superior Court.