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Re: People v. Jesse Mendez Contreras, Jr.

On Tuesday, November 29, 2011, Jesse Mendez Contreras, Jr. pled no-contest to assaulting a custody deputy with force likely to cause great bodily injury. He also admitted that the crime benefitted a criminal street gang and that he personally inflicted great bodily injury on his victim. The assault left the custody deputy with several broken bones and a lengthy recuperation period. At the time of the assault, Defendant Contreras was in custody on the charge of Felon in Possession of a Firearm. It is expected Defendant Contreras will be sentenced to a total of 18 years in state prison. His sentencing is set for March 1, 2012. Due to the violent nature of the crimes, he will have to serve at least 85% of his total sentence.

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