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Re: *People of the State of California v. Lorenzo Padilla*
Prosecutor: Paul Greco, Deputy District Attorney

On Monday, November 21, 2011, in the Santa Maria Superior Court, Judge Kay Kuns sentenced Defendant Lorenzo Padilla to 57 years to life in prison. Previously on October 21, 2011, a Santa Maria jury found the defendant guilty of three separate counts of attempted murder, assault on a custodial officer, and attempted witness intimidation on a peace officer for a September 21, 2009 crime spree. On this date Padilla committed three stabbings – each at a different location – and he sent two of his victims to the hospital with serious injuries. During two of the stabbings, the defendant shouted out his gang name.

While in custody awaiting trial for the stabbings, the defendant continued committing violent crimes. In December 2009, he committed a vicious surprise attack on a Santa Barbara County Custody Deputy. In 2010, while still in custody, the Defendant shouted death threats to an investigating Santa Maria Police Sergeant.

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