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## CASE OF INTEREST

### **Gang Member Convicted of First-Degree Murder at Party**

**DATE:** March 24, 2016

**CASE:** Byran Thomas

**PROSECUTOR:** Deputy District Attorney Kari Reeve, Homicide Unit

Twenty-five-year-old Byran Thomas was convicted by jury of first-degree murder. The jury also found true gun and gang allegations.

On March 22, 2014, the victim, Davon Brown, went to a party hosted by some of his friends. During the party, Thomas and his friends confronted Mr. Brown and told him he looked like he was from the south Sacramento street gang Starz. Thomas is a member of the Starz rival gang, Zilla. Thomas and his friends asked the victim where he was from, a question seen as a challenge in the gang culture. The victim denied any gang affiliation. After the confrontation, Thomas fired several shots at the victim, killing him.

Thomas is a three-striker and faces a potential sentence of 100 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for April 21, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 38 before the Honorable Sharon Lueras.