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Kern County District Attorney Lisa S. Green announced a conviction in a significant gang case today. On April 6, 2018, in a case prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Cole McKnight, a Kern County jury convicted Jorge Jaimes, Monica Magana, and Joseph Gonzales of first degree home invasion in concert along with gang and firearm charges.

Jorge Jaimes and Joseph Gonzales, both members of the Loma Bakers criminal street gang, conspired with Monica Magana and another individual to burglarize a home. After breaking into the home, Gonzales held the homeowner at gunpoint while Jaimes took stereo and video game equipment and loaded it into a waiting vehicle occupied by Magana. A concerned neighbor called 911 after obtaining the license plate number of the vehicle. All three defendants face possible sentences of 25 years to life in prison. They are scheduled for sentencing before the Honorable Kenneth C. Twisselman II on May 4, 2018.