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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Alvino Alaniz Jr.
Attempted Murder conviction

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Alvino Alaniz Jr., age 34, of Modesto was convicted on November 8, 2022 of attempted murder. Deputy District Attorney Dannica Molina prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On October 15, 2019 at approximately 1:30 a.m., Alaniz entered a Turlock home without permission. The victim, Jose Hinojosa, and his girlfriend heard someone pounding on their front door so Hinojosa got out of bed to see who it was. Before Hinojosa was able to reach his bedroom door, Alaniz kicked it open and stood there holding what the victim described as a "Rambo knife." Without provocation, Alaniz rushed toward Hinojosa and stabbed him multiple times. When his girlfriend intervened, Hinojosa was able to escape. He suffered severe injuries that required multiple surgeries and continue to affect his daily life.

Responding Turlock Police Department officers located Alaniz just a few blocks away from the crime scene. Alaniz began running and jumped over residential fences in an attempt to evade law enforcement but was caught and arrested. Officers canvassing the area located a large bloody knife used in the stabbing.

Alaniz was charged with premeditated attempted murder along with allegations he had previously been convicted of assault with a deadly weapon in 2007 for which he served three years in state prison and which counts as a "strike" prior under California's "Three Strikes" law.

On November 8th, 2022, Alaniz pled before Judge Ricardo Cordova to attempted murder for the aggravated term of nine years and admitted his 2007 "strike" prior conviction which was used to double that term. Cordova then sentenced Alaniz to serve 18 years in state prison.

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