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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announces that Alirio Reyes, age 27, of Herndon, also known as "Seco," an MS-13 gang member, was sentenced by United States District Judge T. S. Ellis III, to a mandatory term of life imprisonment for murdering a 17-year-old rival gang member. The sentence was imposed following Reyes' conviction for murder in aid of racketeering activity.

The murder occurred on the night of May 16, 2004. Reyes and another MS-13 gang member, Osmin Alfaro-Fuentes, also known as "Buso," confronted two juveniles on Park Avenue in Herndon, Virginia, to determine if they were rival gang members. Alfaro-Fuentes questioned the juveniles. When the juvenile male stated that he was a member of the rival 18th Street gang, Reyes shot the two juveniles, killing the 17-year-old male and seriously injuring the 16-year-old female. Neither victim knew Reyes or Alfaro-Fuentes. After the shooting, Reyes and Alfaro-Fuentes fled Virginia and traveled to Los Angeles, California, where they were arrested on June 18, 2004, by members of the United States Marshals Fugitive Task Force in Los Angeles.

On September 22, 2005, the third day of his trial in federal court, Reyes pleaded guilty to murder in aid of racketeering activity. Reyes admitted participating in the murder because of his membership in, and loyalty to, MS-13. He also admitted that MS-13 gang members who kill rival gang members increase their status in the gang. Reyes stated that the rules of the gang required him to shoot the juvenile because he was a member of a rival gang.

On December 9, 2005, Judge Ellis sentenced Alfaro-Fuentes, age 27, of Herndon, to a mandatory term of life imprisonment for his role in the murder.

Mr. McNulty stated: "With these sentencing, two extremely dangerous gang members will be off the street permanently. This victim was senselessly gunned down in the prime of his life. This case demonstrates the destructiveness of gang membership."

The case was investigated by members of the Herndon Police Department; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the 10th District Gang Task Force; the United States Marshals Service Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force, and the Fairfax County Police Department. Assistant United States Attorneys Morris Parker and Patrick Stokes prosecuted the case for the United States.

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