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VALLEJO GANG MEMBERS SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT ON RACKETEERING CHARGES, INCLUDING MURDER, ATTEMPTED MURDER, AND DRUG TRAFFICKING

SACRAMENTO -- United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that United States District Judge Frank C. Damrell sentenced SHANGO JAJA GREER, 34, and JASON KEITH WALKER, 31, both of Vallejo, to sentences of life imprisonment without the possibility of release. In April, a federal jury found GREER guilty of conducting the affairs of an enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity, and conspiring to conduct the affairs of an enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity. The same jury also found WALKER guilty of conspiring to conduct the affairs of an enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity.

This case was the product of an extensive investigation by the Sacramento and San Francisco Divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Vallejo Police Department.

The jury specifically found that GREER was legally responsible for a murder committed in 1994, as well as a murder committed in 2000. The jury further found GREER legally responsible for a 1994 attempted murder, as well as various drug trafficking activities.

The jury found that WALKER was legally responsible for two murders committed in 1994, an attempted murder that same year, as well as drug trafficking activities.

The evidence introduced at trial established that GREER and WALKER were leaders of a street gang in Vallejo called Pitch Dark Family. Witnesses established that Pitch Dark Family was a criminal enterprise whose members and associates engaged in acts of violence, and in drug trafficking. Evidence at trial further established that between 1994 and 2000, the defendants and their associates committed four murders, one attempted murder, and trafficked in rock cocaine.

"Today's sentences appropriately reflect the heinous reign of terror carried out by Greer and Walker, and other members of the Pitch Dark Family gang. The efforts of the FBI and the Vallejo Police Department have broken the back of that notorious gang," said United States Attorney Scott.