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### **LEADER OF VIOLENT CHINESE GANG SENTENCED IN MANHATTAN FEDERAL COURT TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR RACKETEERING CRIMES**

*Defendant Convicted of Racketeering Acts Including Murder, Attempted Murder, Narcotics  
Trafficking, and Operating Illegal Gambling Businesses*

Preet Bharara, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that GUANG JU LIN, the long-time leader of a violent Chinese gang based in New York City and Los Angeles, was sentenced today in Manhattan federal court to life in prison for his participation in racketeering and racketeering conspiracy offenses. In July 2011, LIN was found guilty after a three-week jury trial of participating in racketeering acts that included murder, attempted murder, narcotics trafficking, and operating illegal gambling businesses. In particular, he was convicted for his participation in the November 2001 attempted murder of Jian G. Liu in Manhattan and the August 2006 murder of Xiu Kang Xiao in Los Angeles. LIN was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Sidney H. Stein.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said: "Guang Ju Lin was an inveterate and unrepentant gangster who left a trail of crimes from coast to coast. He and his cohorts would stop at nothing, including murder, to increase their power and intimidate their rivals. With today's life-sentence, this very dangerous man will now be off the streets forever."

According to the trial evidence and other documents filed in the case:

In the late 1990s, LIN joined a powerful Chinese gang based in New York City's Chinatown that was led by Huang Ming Yong, who was also known as "Ah Jun." LIN became a trusted lieutenant of Ah Jun and developed his own following of gang underlings. LIN helped run a group of illegal gambling parlors, engaged in numerous extortions, and distributed a variety of illegal drugs, including marijuana, Ecstasy, and ketamine.

On November 19, 2001, LIN, along with fellow gang member Yudi Liu, brought two loaded handguns to a Manhattan Chinatown restaurant and fired numerous shots at Jian G. Liu, the leader of a rival gang. Jian G. Liu and a two year-old bystander were injured.

Following the December 2001 murder of security guard Danny Cabezas by Yudi Liu, LIN fled New York City and eventually settled in Los Angeles. Once there, he was joined by other members of the gang, and also recruited new members. With this extension of the gang in Los Angeles, LIN continued to operate illegal gambling parlors and traffic narcotics.

On August 23, 2006, LIN, along with three other members of his gang, brutally stabbed, beat, and shot to death Xiu Kang Xiao, who had been engaged in a business dispute with one of the underlings in LIN's gang.

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LIN, 34, resided in Los Angeles, California prior to his arrest in this case.

On March 11, 2011, Yudi Liu pled guilty to conspiracy to commit murder in aid of racketeering in connection with the December 2001 murder of Danny Cabezas. On July 19, 2011, he was sentenced to 10 years in prison. Charges against two other gang members, Jun Yun Xiao and Jun Qi Xiao, for racketeering offenses including the Los Angeles murder of Xiu Kang Xiao, are pending before Judge Stein.

Mr. Bharara praised the work of the FBI's Asian Organized Crime Task Force, comprised of Special Agents of the FBI and Detectives of the New York City Police Department, for their work on the investigation. Mr. Bharara also thanked the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Monterey Park, California Police Department for their assistance.

This case is being prosecuted by the Office's Organized Crime Unit. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Natalie Lamarque and Daniel Chung are in charge of the prosecution.

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