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GANG MEMBERS SENTENCED FOR THREATENING A FEDERAL WITNESS

Gulfport, Miss - Two gang members and an associate were sentenced to federal prison today for threatening to retaliate against a government witness, U.S. Attorney John Dowdy announced.

Ervie Lee Fairbanks, 29, of Waveland, a ranking member of the Simon City Royals criminal street gang, was sentenced to 41 months in prison; Chasity Arulize Huff a/k/a Chasity Arulize Stalter, 24, of Waveland, also a ranking member of the street gang, was sentenced to 33 months in prison; and Yvette Janel Hayden, 25, of Pass Christian, an affiliate of the gang, was sentenced to 31 months in prison. U.S. District Judge Sul Ozerden also ordered a three year term of supervised release and 100 hours of community service for each defendant.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Annette Williams.

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