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Attempted murder suspects arrested in gang warrant search

Three suspects in gang-related Nov. 15 shooting arrested in early morning raids

Riverside, CA -- Riverside Police officers and Riverside County Sheriff's deputies coordinating on early morning search warrants, arrested three Hispanic gang members suspected of involvement of the attempted murder of a Riverside man, at three warrant locations in the city and county at approximately 5 a.m. this morning.

On Thursday, November 15, 2007, at approximately 3:30 p.m., three Hispanic males confronted two black males in front of a convenience store on Arlington Avenue and Tyler Street in Riverside. Taunts included gang identification calls and challenges. The black males insisted they were not gang members. The young gang members left the parking lot in a vehicle; the other men left in their own car.

About 15 minutes later, Riverside Police received a 911 report of a shooting in the 10100-block of Gould Street. According to witness statements, occupants of the vehicle recognized the victim and sped toward him. One occupant got out of the Ford Expedition and fired a single shotgun blast, which struck victim Greg Wilson, 23, of Riverside. Wilson's injuries were determined to be non-life threatening. The assailants fled in the vehicle.

Subsequent investigation identified all three occupants of the vehicle as members of an Arlanza-area criminal street gang.

On Friday, November 30, 2007, the Riverside Police Department and the Riverside County Sheriff conducted a simultaneous search warrant at the suspects' homes. Arrested in Riverside are Gorge Luis Gonzalez, 18, believed to be the driver of the Expedition, and a 17-year-old male juvenile, believed to be the shooter. Sheriff's deputies in Mira Loma arrested a 17-year-old juvenile male who was the passenger. All are in custody, charged with attempted murder, with gang enhancements.

Several weapons were also recovered, including the shotgun believed to have been used in the attempted murder, as well as gang-related items.

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