



BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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UPDATE TO GANG RELATED STABBING GANG MEMBERS CHARGED

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On December 16, 2015, Burbank Police Officers responded to the 600 block of Hollywood Way, where they found a man suffering from several stab wounds to his torso, neck and head. The individual and his associate were uncooperative with officers and investigators. Nonetheless officers were able to locate crime scenes at Lundigan Park (2701 Thornton Avenue) and in the 1800 block of N. Buena Vista Street, over two miles away. Evidence at the scenes included a bloody knife and a baseball bat.

Investigators were able to identify several individuals, all known gang members or associates, who were involved in the fight. Earlier this week, several people were charged in connection with the fight, including the person transported to the hospital and his associate.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office did not feel an assault with a deadly weapon case could be proven beyond a reasonable doubt because the injured individuals were the apparent instigating parties in the altercation. The DA, however, did file charges against three people:

- **Cesar Ramirez**, 22, of Sun Valley, who is currently on parole: Fighting in Public w/ a gang allegation and prison prior allegations
- **Maximo De Los Santos Jr.**, 21, of Burbank: Fighting in Public w/ a gang allegation and a prison prior allegation
- **Ricardo Ramirez**, 23, of Burbank, who remains hospitalized: Fighting in Public w/ a gang allegation and an allegation this crime occurred while out on bail for another felony

The district attorney's office referred two of the cases to the Burbank City Attorney's Office for misdemeanor consideration. The City Attorney filed misdemeanor fighting in public with a gang allegation against **Paul Melendez**, 24, of Sun Valley and **Joshua Pimentel**, 30, of Burbank.

All of the filed charges include gang enhancements, which specify the crimes were committed for the benefit of or in association with a criminal street gang. The defendants are each exposed to varying amounts of county-jail and/or prison time, if convicted.

The Burbank Police Department will continue to aggressively pursue charges against gang members who commit crimes in our neighborhoods, regardless of who the direct victims may be. As seen in this case, we will use all legal avenues to hold gang members accountable for their actions.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact Detective Mike Edwards at (818) 238-3210.

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