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## **OPERATION RAIN CROSS**

RIVERSIDE, CA – On January 8th and 9th, the Riverside Police Department along with county, state and federal law enforcement agencies conducted “Operation Rain Cross” at locations throughout the City and County of Riverside. Most of the locations were in the Eastside neighborhood in the City of Riverside.

“Operation Rain Cross” was conducted as part of the investigation into four homicides that occurred in 2012 and 2013. Investigators believe members of East Side Riva, a criminal street gang located in the Eastside neighborhood of Riverside, are responsible for the homicides.

Investigators served 22 search warrants and conducted numerous parole and probation compliance checks searching for evidence or indicators of criminal activity consistent with these unsolved cases. During the operation approximately twenty adults were arrested for felony charges ranging from illegal possession of firearms and ammunition to the illegal possession of narcotics.

Anyone with information about the homicide investigations for Greg Ball, Lareanz Simmons, Ashanti Hassan and Arturo Reyes, is encouraged to call Homicide Investigators at 951-353-7100.

