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## **GANG ENFORCEMENT OPERATION**

RIVERSIDE, CA – During the week of January 20 to January 27, 2017, the Riverside Police Department conducted a targeted enforcement operation to combat gang and criminal activity in the areas near Hunt Park, located within the Ramona neighborhood of Riverside. This operation involved personnel from the West Post-Release Accountability & Compliance Team (PACT), Central Neighborhood Policing Center (NPC) Problem Oriented Policing Team (POP), Graffiti Unit, and the Gang Intelligence Unit.

Over this period, the service of multiple arrest warrants, search warrants, and probation searches were conducted on documented gang members who were believed to be related to recent increased criminal activity near the park and surrounding neighborhoods. As a result, six known gang members were arrested on felony charges that included being felons in possession of firearms and ammunition, possession of illegal narcotics for sale, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest, probation and post-release community supervision violations, and possession of stolen mail and checks. Four firearms and numerous amounts ammunition and narcotics were recovered during the arrests, along with a large quantity of stolen mail.

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Lieutenant Carla Hardin, Area Commander for the Central Neighborhood Policing Center, stated, "Our parks are safe havens for children and families to enjoy, not for criminals and gangs to conduct their illegal activities. The Riverside Police Department is committed to working with residents and business owners to help combat illegal behaviors and conduct that jeopardize the safety and quality of life for our community members."

Additional warrants and out-of-custody criminal filings related to this investigation are pending.



ISRAEL MAGDELANO, 24-years-old, was arrested for being a felon in possession of ammunition and a domestic violence arrest warrant.



JUAN MILLAN, 25-years-old, was arrested for being a gang member in possession of a firearm and an outstanding arrest warrant for possession of a stolen firearm.



RICARDO MILLAN, 34 years old, was arrested for violation of probation, possession of drug paraphernalia, and resisting arrest.



JULIAN GONZALEZ, 25-years-old, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine for sales and probation violations.



JUAN DE DIOS-TAMAYO, 24-years-old, was arrested for probation violations.



RENE MENCHACA, 38-years-old, was arrested for being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition, possession of stolen mail, and probation violations.