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Arrest in District Attorney Threat Investigation

Riverside, Ca- On Friday, August 31, 2007, at 10:00 PM, Gang Detectives and SWAT Officers from the Riverside Police Department executed a Search Warrant at the home of Chandler William Cardwell, 32 of Perris. CARDWELL was arrested and will be charged in the investigation of threats against Riverside County District Attorney Rod PACHECO

On Friday, August 24, 2007, District Attorney PACHECO announced his office was seeking an injunction against the East Side Riva street gang located in the City of Riverside. On Saturday, August 25, 2007, a classified ad ran in the Riverside Press Enterprise that stated a yard sale event was to be held at PACHECO's Riverside residence. The ad included his telephone number and address and stated the proceeds would go to a memorial fund in his name.

The Riverside Police Department and Investigators from the Office of the District Attorney began a joint investigation to identify and apprehend the person responsible for the threatening ad. CARDWELL was identified as that person. The Detectives conducted a surveillance of several locations in Riverside and Orange County until they determined he was at his house in Perris. A Search Warrant authorizing the officers to search for CARDWELL at the residence in the 19000 Block of Gustin Road was obtained and served. The officers surrounded the house and called CARDWELL out. He surrendered and was taken into custody without incident. Several firearms were found inside the house.

CARDWELL has been a member of East Side Riva for at least the last six (6) years. At the time of his arrest, he was an employee of the Press Enterprise. The case will be prosecuted by the State of California, Attorney General's office. CARDWELL will be charged with threats to a public official and gang enhancements.

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