



**Porterville Police Department
Press Release**

Incident: Felony Vandalism / Criminal Street Gang Member in Possession of a Firearm / Gang Enhancement

Date/Time: March 2, 2010 / 8:00 A.M.

Location: 1800 block of West Wall Avenue, Porterville, CA

Suspect: Jose Ricardo Ramirez, (12-04-91), Porterville Resident
Edgar Manriquez, (11-9-88), Porterville Resident

Narrative:

During the early morning hours of March 2, 2010, the above-named suspects damaged several areas in the city of Porterville with southern gang-related graffiti. The entire block wall between the 1000-1200 block of North Newcomb Street and several areas in the 2000 block of West Westfield Avenue were damaged with blue spray painted graffiti. The estimated damage caused by the suspects was approximately \$4,600.00.

The Porterville Police Department's Special Investigations Unit commenced an investigation into the vandalism and developed information regarding Edgar Mannriquez possibly being involved. Detectives responded to the 1800 block of West Wall Avenue and contacted Mannriquez at Jose Ramirez's residence. During a search of the residence, evidence was located regarding the vandalisms. Also located was a loaded pistol grip .22 caliber rifle. During interviews, one the suspects admitted to the graffiti and the other admitted to possessing the rifle.

The suspects were identified as Southern Gang Members and were charged and booked at The Tulare County Jail on felony charges of Vandalism, Conspiracy, and Being a Member of a Criminal Street Gang while armed with a firearm.

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