



**Porterville Police Department
Press Release**

Incident: **Vandalism** by **Southern Gang Members**

Date/Time: September 3, 2008 / 2:37 p.m.

Location: Larson Street and Thurman Avenue

Suspects: Eddie Villegas, age 18

Narrative:

At about 2:37 p.m., Officer Sam Garcia was dispatched to the area of Larson Street and Thurman Avenue **regarding a fight.**

Upon arrival the victim, Thomas Garcia, reported he was approached by a group of **southern gang members.**

One of the subjects threatened the victim and later threw a brick through the windshield of his truck. The subjects fled the area in a red Cadillac and were located by CSO Ben Mendoza a short time later in the area of Main Street and Reid Avenue.

Officers responded and detained all occupants of the vehicle without incident. One of the passengers, **Eddie Villegas**, was positively identified as the suspect **responsible for the vandalism.** He was arrested and booked.

The remaining occupants were interviewed, photographed and released.

Investigating Officer
Sam Garcia

Supervisor
Bryan Clower