

Porterville Police Department Press Release

Incident: Fighting in Public with Gang Enhancement

Case# 08-7358

<u>Date/Time</u>: September 15, 2008, 8:01 p.m.

Location: 1200 Block West Westfield, Porterville

Suspects: Curtis Cervantez, age 24 Ronald Cruz, age 19

Vincent Cruz, age 18 Male Juvenile, age 16

Summary:

On September 15, 2008 at approximately 8:01 p.m. Officer Jordan located a large gang fight in progress involving 15 to 20 subjects in the 1200 block of West Westfield.

Officer Jordan was able to detain and arrest one subject at the scene and three others a short distance away. The remaining subjects fled on foot and were not identified.

The fleeing subjects were wearing and displaying various items of gang clothing. All four of the arrested subjects were identified gang members and were involved in the fight. The three adults were members of one local gang while the juvenile was a member of their rival gang.

Ronald Cruz suffered a bloody nose from the fight, which was the only injury noted. The three adults were booked at the TCSO Main Jail and the juvenile was booked at the Juvenile Detention Facility for housing.

<u>Investigating Officer</u> Officer C. Jordan Supervisor Sgt. Azevedo