



# SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## NEWS RELEASE

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### RECENT INCREASE IN GANG VIOLENCE PROMPTS PROBE OF LOCAL GANG

#### Lengthy Investigation Results in Numerous Arrests and Weapon Seizures

**What:** In response to recent gang activity, the Santa Ana Police Department's Northeast Directed Patrol and Gang Section initiated a two-month long investigation that targeted a local gang. As a result of this lengthy investigation, officers and detectives were able to secure 10 search warrants on residences that were believed to be havens for criminal activity.

Earlier today, Santa Ana Police officers and detectives coordinated a multi-agency response and executed the multi-dwelling search warrants. The following agencies participated in this operation: State Parole, County Probation, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Irvine PD, Fullerton PD, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Garden Grove PD, Cypress PD, Westminster PD, Orange County District Attorney's Office, Cal-State Fullerton PD, and the U C Irvine PD. In total, approximately **100** officers participated in the early morning operation.

The culmination of this investigation was successful and resulted in the seizure of five firearms (3 rifles and 2 handguns) as evidence. Twelve subjects were arrested and charged with miscellaneous weapon related crimes as well as gang enhancement charges.

Anyone with gang information is encouraged to call the Santa Ana Police Department Gang Unit at 714-245-8648.

**For interview opportunities, please contact the PIO, Corporal Jose Gonzalez.**

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