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Juvenile Gang Fight

On November 2, 2007 Los Banos Police Officers were dispatched to a large fight involving weapons. The Police Department learned that a dark colored vehicle, possibly a maroon Chrysler, drove past and stopped near three male juveniles ages 15, 16 and 17 standing in front of an apartment complex in the 1000 block of Nevada. Three males exited the vehicle and ran towards the three juveniles.

Seeing this, the juveniles ran into an apartment where they were assaulted by the three who followed them in. During the altercation one of the juveniles was struck in the head by a bat and the mother of one of the juveniles was knocked unconscious while trying to stop the attack.

The three suspects fled back to their vehicle and were last seen driving eastbound on West K St. One of the juvenile victims told police he chased after the suspects and may have damaged one of the suspect vehicle's tail lights as it drove away.

An ambulance was dispatched however all of the victims refused treatment.

"We are considering this incident gang related at this point. The three victims have previous gang related contact with the Police Department and during the attack the suspects used derogatory gang slang towards the victims."

-Chris Gallagher, Chief of Police

The Police Department has identified two people of interest and its Gang Apprehension/Investigation Team (GAIT) is continuing the investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this crime should contact Sgt. Chet Stygar at 827 7070 X 134.