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Juvenile Robbery

On November 3, 2007 at 949 PM, while walking on the Rail Trail near the 800 block of H St, two, 14 year male juveniles and one, 15 year male juvenile were approached by a group of several other juveniles who demanded the three turn over their jackets.

Fearing injury, two of the juveniles turned over their jackets and an MP3 player. After taking the items, members of the group turned and ran west on the Rail Trail towards the Fairgrounds.

The resulting investigation by members of the Gang Apprehension/Investigation Team (GAIT) led to the arrest of two, 14 year old males and one, 15 year old male for Robbery with a criminal street gang enhancement. The jackets were returned to their owners, the MP3 player is still outstanding.

The Police Department does not believe that any weapons were involved in this incident.

“We believe that the group recognized one of the victims as a friend or associate of a rival gang and that it may have led to this crime.”

Gary Brizzee, Commander

“It’s unfortunate that juveniles this young are involved in these types of acts. What troubles me most is that the choices these juveniles make may end up having a long lasting negative effect on their lives. Though we do not tolerate gangs in Los Banos, I certainly hope these youngsters realize that the gang lifestyle isn’t as glamorous as television portrays it to be.”

Chris Gallagher, Chief of Police