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Possible gang fight ends with unconscious victim with serious head wound

Just after 8 P.M. on February 18, officers responded to a fight in the 1200 block of Fourth Street. When officers arrived, they located a 17 year old Hispanic male unconscious and bleeding from an apparent head wound. During his investigation, Officer Wes Townsley learned that several suspects approached a home in the 1200 block of Fourth Street where they began throwing rocks through the home's windows.

The 17 year old victim ran out of the home in pursuit of the suspects where he sustained his head injury.

"We believe the injury was caused by an object thrown at the victim, however the victim and his family have been reluctant to provide information on the incident."

Chet Stygar, Detective Sergeant

Just prior to the assault a nearby witness watched as several subjects exited a white four door Dodge Neon and a black or dark blue 1990's model Honda 4-door vehicle, run towards and begin throwing objects at the home.

The victim was flown to Doctors Hospital in Modesto for treatment and has since been released.

"The victim is a known gang member and during a statement, he told Detectives he believed the suspects may have been rival gang members. We will continue to investigate this case and anyone responsible for criminal behavior will be aggressively prosecuted."

Chris Gallagher, Chief of Police

Anyone with information regarding this incident or the owners of the described vehicles is strongly encouraged to contact the Los Banos Police Department at **209 827 7070**. To leave an anonymous crime tip call, **209 827 7070 X 288**.

If you have access to a computer and the internet you can also leave an anonymous tip, just go to the Police Departments web page at www.losbanos.org. At the bottom of the "Contact" page simply click on the "report graffiti and other crime" link.