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**Los Banos**  
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**LOS BANOS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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April 30, 2008  
Probation Sweep

On April 30, 2008 Los Banos Police Detectives conducted a gang enforcement sweep with the assistance of California Parole, Merced County Probation and Merced County's Gang Task Force.

The following individuals were arrested during the operation:

Luis Magana, 24	Arrested for a Probation Violation
Matt Lopez, 24	Arrested for a Probation Violation
Maria Gonzalez, 22	Arrested for a Probation Violation
Frank Garcia, 22	Arrested for a Probation Violation
Wesley Firchau, 22	Arrested for a Probation Violation and drug paraphernalia
Sergio Lozano, 26	Arrested for a Parole Violation
Mario Degellodo, 42	Arrested for a Parole violation
Michael Mena, 25	Arrested for warrants

“This operation has been planned for a couple weeks as part of our preparation for the May Day Fair. The recent homicide in the County just underlines our thought that we must remain proactive with criminal street gangs. Gang membership is not a productive lifestyle; if you involve yourself with gang activity you will be contacted by our officers.”

Chris Gallagher, Chief of Police

Anyone with information regarding a suspicious or criminal incident 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](http://www.losbanos.org). At the bottom of the “Contact” page simply click on the “report graffiti and other crime” link.