



HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ATTEMPTED MURDER - ARREST

On Saturday, August 28, 2010, at 9:20 PM, Hawthorne Police Officers responded to a report of a shooting in the 11900 block of Gale Avenue, City of Hawthorne. Officers located a male juvenile victim with gunshot wounds to both legs. Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel were called to the scene, where the gunshot victim was treated and transported to an area hospital by ambulance.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the victim, along with two others, was walking northbound in the 11900 block of Gale Avenue, when they came upon the suspect. The suspect, accompanied by a female accomplice, began shooting at the three victims with a handgun, striking one of the victims as the other two fled and escaped harm.

The suspect and accomplice ran to a nearby residence of an associate. Hawthorne Police patrol officers learned of this location, contained it, and made announcements for the occupants to surrender. When no response was received, Hawthorne Police resources including S.W.A.T., the Crisis Negotiations Team, detectives, and its helicopter were brought in. Assisting in the area containment were officers from the Police Departments of Gardena, Inglewood, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance.

Just before 1:00 AM on Sunday, August 28, 2010, SWAT officers negotiated the surrender of the suspect and his female accomplice. They exited the residence and were arrested without incident. A second associate of the suspect was also located and arrested at the scene.

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In Custody:

- **Suspect 1:**
17 year old male resident of Hawthorne (Suspicion of Attempted Murder)
- **Suspect 2:**
15 year old female resident of Hawthorne (Suspicion of Accessory to Attempted Murder), 2 months pregnant with Suspect 1's child
- **Suspect 3:**
16 year old male resident of Hawthorne (Suspicion of Accessory to Attempted Murder, after the fact)

All three suspects were transported to Eastlake Juvenile Hall.

Victims:

- **Victim 1:**
15 year old male resident of Hawthorne, shot in each leg, expected to recover
- **Victim 2:**
16 year old male resident of Hawthorne, uninjured (brother of Victim 3)
- **Victim 3:**
14 year old female resident of Hawthorne, uninjured (sister of Victim 2)

At this time, Hawthorne Police detectives are investigating the possibility of the incident being gang related. Anyone with information on this crime is asked to contact the Hawthorne Police Department Detective Bureau at (310) 349-2820.