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Gang fight lands Anthony teens back in jail By Ashley Meeks 05/17/2010

LAS CRUCES Two Anthony, N.M., teenagers on probation are back in jail after another gang fight in the south county.

Children playing nearby during the Saturday evening fight were nearly struck by rocks being thrown at a house, including one child who "narrowly missed" being hit in the head, according to Dona Ana sheriff's investigator Bo Nevarez.

The confrontation allegedly began when 17-year-old Sergio Reyes, 19-year-old Marcos Ramirez and five or six other gang members, all armed with rocks, went to the home of a rival gang member in the 1500 block of Acosta. The two parties began to argue, and Reyes allegedly threw a rock at a vehicle that drove up, shattering its driver's side window and sparking a fight.

Reyes and Ramirez fled the scene but were found and arrested by Dona Ana sheriff's officers and remain in the Dona Ana County Detention Center. Reyes, of the 100 block of Van Buren, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, negligent child abuse, resisting arrest and criminal property damage.

Ramirez, of the 800 block of Livesay, was charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol and resisting arrest. A three-year suspended sentence for his role in a Feb. 11, 2009 drive-by shooting could be in jeopardy. In that incident, Ramirez, Pedro Orozco Jr., his younger brother Javier Orozco, then 14, and several others attempting to retaliate for another drive-by shooting minutes before, pulled the driver of a vehicle onto the street, pistol-whipped him and took his vehicle.

The victim was eating a taco in his Escalade with a neighbor when he was attacked, according to the district attorney's office. His car was later found burned and abandoned near Vado, N.M.

Pedro Orozco Jr. was recently sentenced to 24 years in prison and Javier Orozco, now 16, was convicted in Children's Court. Javier Orozco and two other Anthony, N.M. teens also await trial for the murder of Adam Espinoza, a 20-year-old artist, musician and law student who was apparently shot and killed during an armed robbery at a rest stop on Jan. 4. *Ashley Meeks can be reached at (575) 541-5462*

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