



# MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** September 27, 2011

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor  
and Council Members

**FROM:** Roberto A. Millaseñor  
Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Summary of Violent Incidents Over the Past Week

This past week our community experienced several violent crime incidents. The purpose of this memorandum is to briefly summarize those incidents and to assure you that they are not related.

On Tuesday night September 20, 2011 at approximately 10:30 PM officers responded to a shots heard call in the 3100 block of North First Avenue. Upon arrival, officers found a deceased adult male in the parking lot. The victim in this case is a documented gang member and the motive for the shooting is still under investigation.

On Thursday morning September 22, 2011, at approximately 9:53 AM officers responded to a check welfare call at 190 W. Valencia. Upon arrival officers found a deceased adult in one of the apartments with obvious signs of trauma. This investigation is ongoing.

On Friday morning September 23, 2011, just after midnight, officers responded to an apartment complex at Grant and Craycroft regarding a shots fired call. The ensuing investigation revealed that three victims in a vehicle were confronted by a gang member in the parking lot who physically assaulted one of the victims, though no one was shot during the encounter. A second suspect then approached and shot into the vehicle. Officers were able to determine who the suspects were, and which apartment they were in. The suspects refused to come out until SWAT members arrived. Both suspects were arrested.

On Friday afternoon September 23, 2011, at approximately 4:35 PM officers responded to a check welfare call in the 3400 block of South Birch Avenue. Upon arrival, officers found two deceased adults, one female and one male. This case is considered a Homicide/Suicide. A small child was found unharmed in the residence and is being cared for.

On Sunday morning September 25, 2011, just after midnight, officers responded to a shooting in a parking lot at Park Avenue and Seventh Street. Upon arrival they found the victim, who is a documented gang member, suffering from gunshot wounds. He died about 45 minutes later at UMC. Witnesses stated that two suspects had shot at the victim. One of the suspects stole the victim's vehicle after the shooting. At this time it appears that the shooting was related to an earlier physical altercation in the parking lot. This investigation is ongoing.

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UMC where he died about 45 minutes later. Witnesses stated that two suspects had shot at the victim. One of the suspects stole the victim's vehicle after the shooting. At this time it appears that the shooting was related to an earlier physical altercation in the parking lot. Because of the gang affiliation, UAPD asked for our assistance in conducting the investigation. This investigation is ongoing.

On Sunday night September 25, 2011 at approximately 9:00 PM, officers responded to a suspicious vehicle that had been left running for over 45 minutes in the 6000 block of South Fontana. Officers arrived to find a deceased victim in the vehicle that had been shot. This investigation is still ongoing, but is believed to have a narcotic and gang nexus. Three people have already been arrested and a fourth is being sought.

The number of serious violent crimes over the past week is not the norm for our community. Although gang members have been involved as suspects and as victims in several cases, there is no indication that any of these incidents are related to one another. Our detectives and other sworn and non-sworn staff members are working diligently to collect and process evidence, interview witnesses and make the appropriate arrests in each of these cases.

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cc: Richard Miranda, City Manager