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Multi-Agency Operation Targets Norteño Gang Members Linked to Visalia Homicides

On April 23, 2023, officers responded to a home in the 1200 block of North Park Street after reports of a shooting. Officers found 36-year-old Tarcicio Torres suffering from multiple gunshot wounds and he was pronounced deceased at the scene. The suspects were later identified as Norteño gang members.

On July 1, 2025, officers were called to the area of Prospect Avenue and Dinuba Boulevard for a shooting. A 36-year-old man, Juan Manzano, was found with multiple gunshot wounds and later died. This shooting was also determined to be gang motivated.

Through these investigations, Visalia PD Violent Crimes detectives gathered key evidence linking members and associates of the North Side Varrio Locos Norteño gang to these violent crimes.

On Thursday, September 11, 2025, the Visalia Police Department, with assistance from the Tulare County Sheriff's Office, Kings County Sheriff's Office, Fresno Police Department, and Porterville Police Department, carried out a series of search and arrest warrants in Tulare and Fresno Counties. The operation focused on Norteño Criminal Street Gang members from North Side Varrio Locos which resulted in seven arrests.

This marks a major step forward in delivering justice for the victims and their families.

The following individuals were taken into custody as part of this operation:

- 21-year-old Julian Andrade Ramirez
Charges: Murder (187(a) PC), participation in a criminal street gang (186.22(a) PC), conspiracy (182(a)(1) PC), and home invasion robbery (212.5(a) PC).
- 18-year-old Joel Rodriguez
Charges: Accessory after the fact (32 PC) and participation in a criminal street gang (186.22 PC).



- 21-year-old Juan Rivera-Mendoza
Charges: Murder (187(a) PC), participation in a criminal street gang (186.22 PC), conspiracy (182(a)(1) PC), and home invasion robbery (212.5(a) PC).
- 19-year-old David Casarez
Charges: Murder (187(a) PC) and participation in a criminal street gang (186.22 PC).
- 21-year-old Devannie Marie Carrasco
Charges: Accessory after the fact (32 PC).
- 30-year-old Eduardo Calderon-Rosales
Charges: Accessory after the fact (32 PC).
- 38-year-old Oscar John A. Junior Suarez
Charges: Aiding and Abetting (31 PC), conspiracy (182 PC), and participation in a criminal street gang (186.22 PC).

