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**DA ROD PACHECO ANNOUNCES FILING OF CHARGES AGAINST  
VIOLENT RIVERSIDE GANG MEMBER FOR 2008 MURDERS OF TWO TEENS**

RIVERSIDE – The lives of two young men were cut short on Dec. 14, 2008, when they were shot to death outside a Riverside home.

Today, May 27, 2010, Riverside County District Attorney Rod Pacheco announced the filing of charges against the man who murdered those two teenagers.

Arsenio Devo Morgan, 19, has been charged with two counts of murder and one count of participating in criminal street gang activity. Each of the murder counts have several enhancements including special circumstance murder that the victim was killed because of his race or color, multiple murders, crime committed in association with a criminal street gang, and that this was a hate crime. Because of those enhancements, Morgan could face the death penalty; a decision to be made at a later time by the district attorney.

“This gang member acted senselessly and with complete disregard for the value of human life,” said Riverside County District Attorney Rod Pacheco. “The tragic shooting elevated the status of one violent gang member at the cost of two young lives simply because their killer believed they belonged to the wrong race.”

On Dec. 14, 2008, Riverside police were called just after midnight to the 1800 block of Enterprise Avenue. Officers found two victims with multiple gunshot wounds. Salvador Soliz, 18, died at the scene and Ramiro Sanchez, 16, was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital shortly before 1 a.m.

Homicide investigators had very little to go on and the double-murder case remained cold until last month, April 2010, when an informant gave investigators new information which identified Morgan as the killer of the two teens. Investigators learned that Morgan had been a member of a gang called Sex Cash but wanted to leave that gang and join 1200 Blocc Crips, a very violent Riverside street gang. In order to get in with 1200 Blocc, Morgan needed to kill a Latino. Morgan was told about a party on Enterprise Avenue attended by numerous Latinos, so he went there and fired into a crowd outside, killing Salvador Soliz and Ramiro Sanchez.

Morgan is currently serving a six-year sentence in state prison for a 2009 armed robbery. He will be brought back to Riverside County at a later date to be tried for the murders of Soliz and Sanchez.

The 1200 Blocc Crips, an African-American gang, have a longstanding feud with East Side Riva, a Latino gang. Over the past few years members of both gangs have been convicted of several murders. ESR has more than 800 members and 1200 Blocc nearly 200 members.

The case, RIF10002540, is being prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Chris Cook of the Gang Unit.

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