



Press Release

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Subject : Homicide in Redondo Beach – UPDATE #5

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UPDATE: On June 21, 2013 at about 8:00 p.m., Bobby Darren Reynolds, a 38 year old husband, father and resident of Gardena, was fatally shot multiple times at close range in Redondo Beach.

Erick Julian Ortega, a 27 year old Hispanic male and South Bay native was previously identified as a person of interest in this case. Ortega has prior arrests for robbery and narcotics offenses and is a documented NSR-13 gang member.

Redondo Beach Police Department investigators have worked tirelessly to investigate this crime, find Ortega and to identify co-conspirators to the murder. On Saturday, investigators arrested Eduardo Antonio Losa and Shelby Ann Johnston.

Losa was arrested for the murder of Reynolds. He is a 42 year old resident of Lomita and is also a documented NSR-13 gang member. He has a lengthy criminal past that includes assault with a deadly weapon, robbery and parole violations.

Johnston was arrested for being an accessory to murder. She is 29 years old and resides with Losa in Lomita.

Investigators also served search warrants at two residences in Lomita. One residence in the 1800 block of 260th St. was Losa's; the other residence in the 25900 block of Oak St. belonged to Erick Ortega. Investigators now believe that Ortega communicates with other gang members who are in the state prison system. Ortega is also involved in narcotics trafficking and the distribution of the proceeds from those sales to state prison inmates.

Erick Julian Ortega is now a suspect in the callous murder of Bobby Darren Reynolds. He is considered armed and dangerous. Ortega's whereabouts are unknown.

Anyone having information on Ortega's whereabouts or information on the murder is urged to contact the Redondo Beach Police Department in any of the following ways:

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