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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Redding Police Department**  
**Investigations Division**  
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**\*\*\*Gang Member Arrested\*\*\***  
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On September 13, 2010, three wanted fugitives were arrested by the Redding Police Department inside of a residence in the 6700 block of Southgate Drive. One of the subjects was Daniel Pantoja, 18 years of Redding. Pantoja is a documented criminal street gang member and had two outstanding warrants for his arrest. One of the warrants was for a violent gang related assault that occurred inside the Circle K store located at 2245 Hartnell Avenue, and the other was for murder out of Stanislaus County.

Upon arresting Pantoja, officers also located and arrested a 14 year old juvenile who was also wanted for murder in connection with the same Stanislaus County homicide.

A third male subject, Victor Pena, 22 years of Redding, who is also a documented criminal street gang member, was found hiding in a closet. Pena was arrested for three outstanding warrants, two of which were felonies.

During this investigation, Redding Police Gang Investigators determined that one of the residents at the Southgate Drive residence knew the individuals were wanted and was harboring them. The male subject, Manuel Ortiz, 21 years of Redding, is also a documented criminal street gang member. Investigators ultimately secured a felony arrest warrant for Ortiz charging him with harboring the fugitives and being a participant in a criminal street gang.

On September 16, 2010, Shasta Anti-Gang Enforcement (SAGE) located Ortiz leaving his residence and arrested him a short distance away during a traffic stop. Ortiz confessed to harboring the fugitives and being an active gang member. Ortiz was subsequently booked into the Shasta County Jail.

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