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**TWO TOP-RANKING GANG MEMBERS SOUGHT AFTER
MASSIVE MULTI-AGENCY OPERATION ARE CAPTURED**

RIVERSIDE – Two top-ranking members of Riverside’s largest criminal street gang have been apprehended without incident after becoming fugitives during a massive multi-agency operation conducted on Jan. 27, 2010.

Robert Zavala Carrillo, 37; and Mark Gil, 35, were captured about 7 p.m. on Jan. 27, 2010, in a shopping center parking lot in Riverside. Both men are among 20 people charged in three federal criminal complaints that were unsealed earlier that day.

Carrillo is believed to be the leader of East Side Riva, a violent criminal street gang that, along with members of the 1200 Blocc Crips, was targeted by law enforcement officials during Operation Promise on Wednesday. Gil is believed to be the No. 2 man in East Side Riva’s criminal enterprise.

Neither man was at home when authorities served warrants Wednesday morning as part of Operation Promise. The operation is the culmination of a months-long investigation led by the Riverside County District Attorney’s Office, the Riverside Police Department, the United States Attorney’s Office and the FBI.

The arrests Wednesday night were made by a multi-agency task force that seeks fugitives from justice. Carrillo and Gil were located in a parking lot in the area of Highway 91 and Tyler Road in Riverside. Both men knew that law enforcement officials were looking for them.

During Operation Promise on Wednesday, 650 law enforcement officers from 34 Southern California agencies targeted more than 100 residents of known gang members. Local, state and federal officials arrested 50 people and dozens of weapons were seized on Wednesday.

For further information please contact District Attorney’s PIO John Hall at the number listed above or Laura Eimiller of the FBI’s press relations office at (310) 996-3343.

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