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Four arrested, charged in February 9 murder

Four alleged members of the "Du Roc Crips" street gang have been arrested and charged with murder in the Feb. 9, 2009 drive-by shooting of Miguel Sanchez, 18, a Citrus College student.

Sanchez, who was not associated with a gang, was killed while walking with a 17 year-old friend just after 6:30 p.m. in the 2500 block of Millbrae Ave. Sanchez died at the scene. His friend was unharmed.

Charged in the killing are Joseph Barnes, 34, aka "Du," LaMarr McDaniels, 35, aka "C-Nutt" or "Crip Nutt," Larry Alderson, 33, aka "BD," and Joel Britt, 21 aka "Infant". McDaniels, Alderson and Britt have pleaded not guilty.

Barnes, alleged by the Los Angeles District Attorney to have fired the gun, has not entered a plea. McDaniels is believed to have been the driver of the car.

A preliminary hearing date is expected to be set for all four suspects on July 9, according to the District Attorney.

Although announcement of the arrests was held by Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office until last week (June 3), the four suspects were reportedly arrested on April 3, following a lengthy investigation.

According to the Sheriff's investigation report, shortly after the shooting, Temple station deputies located a vehicle in the 2000 block of Goodall Ave. in the County unincorporated area of Duarte matching the description of the shooting suspects' vehicle. When deputies attempted to contact several male adults who were standing around the vehicle, all of the men ran away. A handgun identified as the murder weapon was recovered from the vehicle.

Anyone who has additional information regarding the incident is asked to contact Sheriff's Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500. Callers can also leave an anonymous tip at the Sheriff Satellite Station Crime Tip Hotline at (626) 359-5671, ext. 462.

Picasso's Café, Bakery and Catering Co. sends team to assist Habitat SGV

Eight volunteers representing Picasso's Café joined forces an early Saturday morning in May to help their local chapter of Habitat for Humanity with one of its newest build projects in the San Gabriel Valley. The team included six employees who volunteered their personal time to "be a part of something bigger than themselves" which was the motivating factor in giving up a Saturday, according to Mylene Neufarth, Picasso's restaurant manager.

The volunteers included Picasso employees Mylene Neufarth, Christina Vien, Amy Northrop, Angelina Munguia, Christopher Mendoza, and Victor Ramirez as well as Elmer Munguia the husband of Picasso's Chef, Angela Munguia as well as a Picasso customer, Brian Hoskin. For this construction effort, the team from Picasso's cleaned and organized until one of the members found herself "lying on the sidewalk completely exhausted."

Brittany Klaassen, Volunteer Coordinator of Habitat for Humanity, stated, "Picasso's was the first company to welcome our chapter to the area when we first moved in and they helped us get on our feet. Our need for volunteers on a consistent basis is significant and it's great when a visible company like Picasso's leads by example." "Habitat's mission is very much in-line with Picasso's in that the core of both organizations is to help the community and take an active, responsible role," said Marissa Buckisch, Executive Vice President Marketing, Special Events & Corporate Accounts at Picasso's. She added, "This event is the next organic step in a relationship where two parties with a common interest come together for the greater good of the community."

Amy Northrop, a caterer at Picasso's has always been interested in participating in volunteer events and the example shown by her fellow Picasso employees encouraged her to contribute. "I am in the middle of finals at Cal Poly, Pomona and I have been so stressed-out but I wanted to give back and show my support for my community," Picasso Chef Angelina Munguia, who also enlisted her husband for this event, stated that "...taking my mind of my troubles and helping someone less fortunate has been very rewarding for both of us."

It wasn't all work and no play for Team Picasso. In fact, according to Team Leader Mylene Neufarth, "We filled up big dumpsters, swept dirt and organized tools and equipment but we also challenged each other to wheelbarrow races and laughed and shared with each other all day. It's a great way to get to know the real personality of your fellow workers".

If you are interested in volunteering or making a contribution, please visit www.sgvhabitat.org, or contact Brittany Klaassen at the San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity, (626) 387-6899.

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catlan." The City of Duarte actively seeks sponsors for the summer concert series and would like to thank past and future sponsors for their support and commitment to helping provide safe, enjoyable community events.

Concerts will be held Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Duarte Park, 1344 Bloomdale Street. Concession stands will open at 6 p.m. The City of Duarte Transit Department will be providing free transportation.

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