



OPERATION HALO



Anaheim Police Department Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms

Arrest/Search Warrant Service Friday, August 10, 2012

Beginning in June 2011, agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and officers from the Anaheim Police Department (APD), initiated an investigation dubbed, "Operation Halo," into an Anaheim based criminal street gang known as Eastside Anaheim (ESA). ESA controls a 2 square mile area in the northern area of Anaheim, and is responsible for the majority of narcotics and firearms trafficking in that area. Due to high levels of crime, and depredation, the area controlled by ESA has been an established Target Neighborhood for the City of Anaheim for more than 15 years. ESA gang members readily "Post up," in large groups throughout the neighborhood demonstrating their numbers and control in the vicinity through intimidation. It is not uncommon to find groups of eight to ten gang members congregating throughout the neighborhood. Understandably the residents fear cooperating with law enforcement will result in retaliation. One anonymous resident recently emailed APD, *"Please hear out cry for help and answer it."*

On Friday, August 10, 2012, ATF and APD will be conducting a joint operation in the service of multiple arrest and search warrants against members of ESA. The service of the arrest and search warrants will be a result of the yearlong investigation. During this investigation, ESA demonstrated a great capacity to illegally traffic firearms and narcotics, and have shown a propensity for violence. During the service of the warrants, there will be assisting law enforcement personnel from over 15 different agencies, including multiple tactical teams. The joint operation has resulted in the following:

- **40 Guns Seized**
 - Multiple guns seized, which were used in Felony Assaults, including a recent gang related homicide
 - Various types of guns have been seized included high powered rifles, assault Rifles, sawed off shotguns, high capacity magazines, and handguns
- **Approximately 12 Pounds Methamphetamine (Street value approximately \$120,000 to \$150,000)**
- **OC District Attorney's Office has Filed Charges on 44 Suspects**
 - 13 are already in-custody (2 for Homicide)
 - 15 of these Suspects are also Federally Indicted
- **23 additional ESA Gang Members are subject to arrest.**
 - 10 Parole/ Probation Violations
 - 13 Outstanding Arrest Warrants
- **12 Search Warrant Locations**
 - 6 SWAT Locations
 - 4 Additional Probation / Patrol Checks
- **Investigations have revealed that two Eastside Gang Members were responsible for committing two separate gang homicides against rival gangs.**