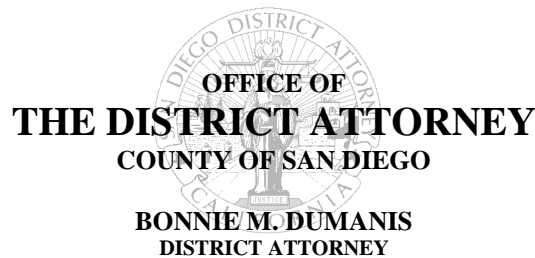


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DA, Sheriff Target North County Gangs; New Injunction Granted Against 29

San Diego County District Attorney [Bonnie M. Dumanis](#), Sheriff Bill Gore and the Escondido Police Department announced today that a new gang injunction has been approved by a Superior Court Judge in Vista. The Preliminary Injunction is against more than two dozen members of two street gangs operating primarily in Escondido.

“Previous gang injunctions in the North County have been successful in making neighborhoods safer for law-abiding citizens who are being harassed, intimidated and victimized by gang members on a regular basis,” said DA Dumanis. “Crime and calls to 911 have gone down when we get these injunctions, and we will continue to use this legal strategy in the fight against gang violence.”

Today’s order prohibits certain activities within two designated “Safety Zones” in Escondido. The key provisions of the injunction prohibit defendants from associating with other gang members, wearing gang clothing, or flashing gang hand signs. Violating the injunction can result in criminal prosecution resulting in a \$1,000 fine and up to six months in jail. Gang injunctions have been used successfully by the District Attorney’s Office since 1997.

Information on Gang Injunctions, including maps of Safety Zones can be found on the San Diego County District Attorney’s website at <http://www.sdca.org/protecting/gang.php>.

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