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Gang connections in holiday disturbance

Santa Cruz County sheriff's deputies have released the names of nine people who were cited or arrested after three apparently gang-related beatings took place late on New Year's Eve at a home on College Road.

Cited were Herman Robert Hermosillo, 25, and Christina Fuentes, 26, both of 113-A College Road, the home where the incident occurred; Juan Medrano, 22; Alvaro Perez Gomez, 22; Anna Ruth Avila Gonzalez, 19; Gregory Ramirez, 19; and three 16-year-olds, all from the Pajaro Valley.

Sheriff's deputies were called just after midnight to a report of a fight in progress involving gang members and guns. Apparently guns had been fired from the home several times during the evening.

One of the beating victims, Dennis Steven Zumaran, 18, who lives

at a house in front of 113-A, said that two of his friends had gone individually to the party at the back house earlier in the evening "to pay their respects" and had been beaten for no apparent reason, and had left.

Several of the people in the back house had later come over and accused Zumaran of stealing handguns from them, he said, and an unidentified suspect had punched him and punched out a window in his house. Zumaran refused to identify his attacker and declined to press charges.

The partygoers and residents in 113-A refused to come out after deputies ordered them to, using a PA system and a spotlight, deputies said, and finally Fuentes came out a side door and said there was no one in the house and asked if she could bring out her two small children.

After she had done so, deputies saw more people in the house, and ordered them again to come out. Four did, but others stayed in the house. At that point, deputies called on Watsonville police to bring their canine unit, which entered the home along with police officers and deputies. The police dog bit suspect Anna Gonzalez; she was later treated at Watsonville Community Hospital.

Citations included resisting arrest, conspiracy to resist arrest and the illegal firing of a weapon.

Several of the suspects told deputies that the victims were associated with the North Siders, while they were associated with the City Hall gang, and that the victims came to their party to start trouble.