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**TO:** Honorable Mayor Joe Serna JR. And City Council Members

**FROM:** Resident and Members of the 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. Neighborhood Association

**DATE:** May 12, 1998

**SUBJECT:** Gang Retaliation and Submission to Silence

Good evening, my name is Oscar Bautista Chairperson of the 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. Neighborhood Association. It saddens me to be here, especially after attending last week reception Celebrating Diversity In Law Enforcement and listening to the goals and achievements the Police and Sheriffs departments have accomplished within the past few years. It is my responsibility however, as Chairperson to relate the concerns our association address at our meetings to the council.

**HISTORY:** In the past our association has been very active in the community, we've supported the last couple of National America's Night out, which have been very successful. We've participate with other associations doing street sweeps and participated last year with the Oak Park Multi-Cultural Parade and so on.

**PROBLEM:** Just recently members of our association lives have been threaten and properties have been vandalized by gang members, some individuals in the City Administration have stated, "how can you tell they are gang members"? Well I have worked for Children Protective Services as a Family Service Worker and spent a whole week in a intense training presented by a Training Police Officer on identifying gangs and occult groups. So I can honestly say that these vandals are in fact gang members. Some of our elderly members of our association have stated that the Police Department and City Officials have beaten Oak Park Residence into submission and Silence, this was not done over night. Now the criminal element has also witness the silence and are now taking advantage of the Police and City's negligence. I have also experience this, I made a call to the Police Department, followed due process, Officer Kiehn arrived to my home to follow-up on my complaint and after hearing my complaint, Officer Kiehn said, and I quote "I'm getting sick and tired of you and your associations petty complaints". When I requested a police report at the police sub-station there was no police report, only the response call. Also when a vandal, vandalized a property, the vandal was counseled but not arrested by the responding Police Office, even when the victim requested a citizens arrest.

We are also concern about the recent letter from Officer Richard Lucero of the Sacramento Police

Department, regarding Taggers which was sent to us after the Sacramento Bee's news paper article, regarding "Retaliation Feared After 11 Year Old Tagger Hit". We were wondering as to why the gang in our area were not identified on the list issued to us, and perhaps the Police forgot about the gangs in Oak Park? Well, now these criminals and gang members are now parading up and down the streets of Oak Park dress from head to toe in "RED", as if they were a pack of wolves looking for its next prey.

**SOLUTION:** Call the members of our Association, that feared to come here tonight to complain about these criminals and gang members. Our members of our Association fear that there will be retaliation, because it just happened recently. The members of our Association, however did give their names, address and some left phone numbers (please see listing of members attached). I'd like to challenge each member of the council to be sensitive to these frail and scared elderly who have been silenced by intimidation of due process.

Also enforce the Anti- Graffiti Law, and arrest these criminals and gang members, We want to work with you, but you must have an open and sensitive ear.

Thank you for your time are their any question?.



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To: Neighborhood and Merchant  
Associations

From: Richard Lucero  
Police Officer

Subj: Let's Get Them Taggers

Dear Assocaiton Leader:

Our neighborhoods are being terrorized by graffiti artists who have no regard for the property of others. "Taggers" cost us, literally, hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in Sacramento. The police department is aggressively attacking the problem with some success. We are going after those taggers we can identify. We have developed misdemeanor and felony cases against these bandits.

Now we need your continued help. Sacramento police officers Lori LaGrassa and Michael Cooper have led the battle against these miscreants. They have identified many taggers. We cannot give you their names at this time. But, we can give you their "tag" names or monikers.

Attached is a list of monikers used by taggers who have been identified. We need you to help us develop the cases against them. If you see one of these "tags" please give us the following information:

1. a good polaroid or regular camera shot of the tag
2. list the date the photo was taken, the name of the person taking the photo, and the address where the graffiti is located
3. if the graffiti is on a business list the name of the business and the phone number, if possible
4. we would like the name and phone number of the property or business owner

Mail this information to Officer Michael Cooper or Lori LaGrassa at 900 8th Street, Sacramento, Ca. 95814. You can also leave the information with an officer to deliver to the proper place.

You can remain anonymous if you wish. But, please get us the needed information to prosecute these taggers. Thank you.

LOOK FOR THESE "TAGS" BECAUSE WE KNOW WHO THEY ARE AND WE'LL GET THEM

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SAK  
SHERM  
SEA  
SYCO  
SKEME  
TOWEL  
THEFT  
TRACER  
WREK  
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THESE ARE TAGGING CREWS

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### Pair accused in graffiti probe

Two suspected serial graffiti vandals were arrested Thursday and face charges of felony conspiracy and misdemeanor graffiti, police said.

Anthony Keith Padilla, 21, turned himself in at 11 a.m. after learning of a warrant for his arrest, and Daniel Tedd Pedersen, 20, was arrested at 12:15 p.m. at his West Sacramento home in the 300 block of Bridge Place.

The warrants were a result of an ongoing investigation, which included a search of their homes in March, police spokeswoman Michele Quattrin said.

Both suspects are charged with two counts of felony conspiracy. Padilla also faces nine misdemeanor graffiti charges and Pedersen is facing 13 additional misdemeanor graffiti charges.

A third suspect is wanted on felony charges as a result of an April 2 graffiti sweep, but police did not identify him.

— Yvonne Chiu

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Don P. Bautista	3512 19 <sup>th</sup> AVE SAC. CA. 95820	452-3865
Antonio Bautista	3504-19 AVE "	
Martin Foweran G	3432 19 <sup>th</sup> Ave	452-2372
James McDonald	3411 19 <sup>th</sup> AVE	455-8191
Liberto M. Ferrut	3424-19 <sup>th</sup> AVE <sup>SAC. CA. 95820</sup>	
Jesús Arriola L.	3414-19 AV. SAC. CA. 95820	799-094
Manu Black	3408 19 <sup>th</sup> AVE SAC 95820	
ROSARIO GAVILAN	3417 19 <sup>th</sup> AVE SAC 95820	454-5610
Cheo Sena Saechao	3404 19 <sup>th</sup> AVE. SAC. 95820	
MARIO Cortez	3400-19 AVE SAC 95820	
Lupe Aguilar	4400 Estrella	4
Lupita Alipio	4406 34 <sup>th</sup> SAC. CA. 95820	
Enelia Compton	4408 34 <sup>th</sup> Sacramento CA. 95820	
Manuel Sanchez	3312 19 <sup>th</sup> Ave SAC. 95820	456-3502
Abraham Canillo	3306 19 <sup>th</sup> AVE SAC. 95820	456-4035
Jessie Kim	3300 19 <sup>th</sup> AVE SAC. CA. 95820	456-5971
Lupe Ruben	3222 19 <sup>th</sup> AVE	
Yves Roberto	3220 19 <sup>th</sup> AVE	457-0829
Rebecca Hernandez	3301 19 AVE	
Manuel	3505 19 <sup>th</sup> AVE	

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Apolonia Flores	3704 19th AVE. 95820	457-7808
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MARIA VELASQUEZ.	3648. 19. AV. 95820	
Allison E. Hanson	3608 19th AV 95820	
Octavio Soto +	3646 19th AVE 95820	~
Barbara Thompson	3642 19th Ave	
Justine Herrera	916 1922 110 <sup>3640</sup> 19th AVE Sacto 95820	
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Subert LeA	3607 19th Ave	
THONG	4401 36th ST	
<del>Roberta</del> APONIA BERNAL	4409 36th ST	
<del>Woodley</del> BLEW	4408 36th ST	455-2553
CHENG SAETHANTH	4406 36th St	~
Maria Shee	3520 19th Ave	

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<del>MA</del>		
Maxine McDermie	3311 19th Ave Sacto	—
Eva Becerra	3333 19th Ave	NA
Cidra m Acosta	4316 34th St. Sacto <sup>95826</sup>	457-9114
FRANCISCA RIVERA	4317 24th St Sacto	NA
Guadalupe Paez	3701-19th Ave.	NO
Walter Bennett	3412 19th Ave Sacto	—
Cesarea & Maria Trevino	3513 19th Ave Sacto	916-457-8679
Nellie Daulton	3517 19th Ave Sacto	455-9738
Bar Vase	3521 19th Ave	—
Tillie Elliott	3601 - 19th Ave	455-7701
VERNON	3651 19th Ave <sup>Long 19th Ave</sup>	
Chris Ken Scales	3701 19th Ave	736-2024
+	3657 19th Ave.	
Son Saelin	3709 19th Ave	739-0878
Ra Dolfo Acosta	37-11 19th Ave	
Archie Thomas	3713 - 19th Ave	
MARIE JOYNER	3747 19th Ave	
Wm. W. S. A	3801 19th Ave	
Walter Saelin	3814 19th Ave	456-1272
KAROL HAY	3800 19th Ave	455-8251

# Retaliation feared after 11-year-old tagger hit

BY ROBYN S. EIFERTSEN  
Neighbors staff writer

Sacramento police are investigating whether Oak Park activist Cherie Gordon may have taken things too far when she pepper-sprayed an 11-year-old after he tagged a fence with a gang name.

Gordon, a temporary physical education teacher with the San Juan Unified School District, said she sprayed the juvenile after he "lunged toward" her, making a "threatening gesture."

Gordon said Sacramento police officers who responded to her call for help on April 18 treated her like a criminal. She said she will file a complaint with Sacramento Police Internal Affairs regarding the incident at 24th Avenue and 36th Street.

Gordon said she moved out of her Oak Park home, which she intends to sell, after neighbors told her that members of the juvenile's gang are looking for her.

Noel Eusebio, chairman of the city anti-graffiti program, said Gordon may be right in fearing for her life.

"If that were me, I wouldn't have confronted the individual," said Eusebio, who often paints over graffiti as part of his job. "I would have stayed an observer."

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The altercation has left other neighborhood activists also fearing retaliation by gang members.

Lotar Lampe, president of the 35th Street Neighborhood Association, said the incident was unfortunate but that he can understand Gordon's reaction.

He said he is somewhat fearful of retaliation but accepts that the possibility comes with the territory of being a neighborhood activist in Oak Park.

Lampe said he no longer confronts lawbreakers. He leaves that to the police.

"I did that one time with illegal dumping, and I got threatened with

a baseball bat and that cured me," Lampe said.

Elaine Williams, president of Oak Park's five drug-free zones, worries that Gordon's actions may undermine the efforts of other activists to work with the police, and may even provoke gang members.

At the April 21 City Council meeting, Gordon said she planned to discourage others from working with the police.

Williams said the Oak Park Drug Free Zones have an official policy against confronting wrongdoers.

Gordon said she caught the youth defacing the fence — one of three she had recently repainted to cover graffiti — at about 2 p.m. Saturday.

The fence belongs to the son of a woman who died recently. Gordon said she is being paid to take care of the property.

Gordon said she warned the youth to wait for police as she used her cellular phone to report the incident.

"Stop. You're going to stay there," Gordon said she told the boy. She said he responded, "Hey, dude, I'm not going to stay anywhere."

Gordon said she threatened to spray the youth with her pepper spray if he left. She said the boy then lunged toward her.

"I said, 'You leave and I'll spray you,'" Gordon said in an interview nearly a week after the altercation.

After spraying the boy, Gordon said she chased him down 21st Avenue and 34th Street.

He got away, she said, so she waited for police at 24th Avenue and 36th Street.

Gordon said the boy told her his age during the confrontation.

When police arrived, Gordon said, she was detained.

Michele Quattrin, public information officer for the Sacramento Police Department, said police responded to the call at 2:32 p.m.

Sgt. Milt Nennemen said the responding officer, Laura Ave, acted appropriately when she detained and searched Gordon.

Ave reported that Gordon was "extremely irate and hostile," and "not cooperating at all."

Nennemen said it is standard procedure to search someone who has a weapon and is agitated. Police view pepper spray as a weapon.

"They detained her because she had (pepper-sprayed) an 11-year-old kid, and she had an aggressive demeanor toward the officers when they got there," Nennemen said.

Nennemen said he doesn't think

the case will be resolved.

"I don't know if we will ever identify this kid," Nennemen said.

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individual.'*

NOEL EUSEBIA

anti-graffiti program chairman

"He's not willing to come forward because of the graffiti, and because of the investigation of the (pepper spraying), (Gordon) may not be willing to cooperate with us in identifying him."

If the boy is arrested, Nennemen said Gordon could be charged with assaulting a juvenile with caustic chemicals.

Gordon said other juveniles have pushed her when she confronted them about vandalism and drug dealing in her neighborhood. She said this was the first time she has pepper-sprayed anyone.

Gordon said she would not

identify the suspect and that her days of neighborhood activism, which included patrolling her neighborhood to report illegal dumping and graffiti vandals to the police, are over.

"I personally think her style is too confrontational to be constructive," Nennemen said. "We don't encourage people to take physical action in any kind of crime unless someone's life is in danger."

Nennemen said such confrontations can be dangerous.

Eusebio advised people who witness vandalism to call the police department's non-emergency dispatcher at 264-5151.

"Don't put yourself in jeopardy for graffiti," Eusebio said. "Just be the eyes and ears of the police department, and be as descriptive as possible of the suspect."

"I think it was her frustration," that led Gordon to react in such a way, Eusebio said. "I can totally sympathize with her. We go to a spot and it's been graffitied and we had just painted it the day before."