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FBI, Police Arrest Dozens of Suspected Gang Members at Pueblo Del Rio Public Housing Community

Los Angeles – An early morning raid on August 25, at Pueblo Del Rio resulted in at least two dozens arrests of individuals suspected of being part of the Pueblo Bishops Bloods gang at the public housing community. More than 1000 FBI agents and LAPD officers executed arrest and search warrants.

“We are extremely pleased that this two year investigation by the FBI and LAPD has culminated in arrests of gang members who have terrorized our residents and community,” said HACLA President and CEO, Rudolf C. Montiel. “Those who reside in public housing communities have the right to live in a safe environment free from gang violence. This multi-agency effort will help Pueblo Del Rio residents win back their neighborhood.”

Pueblo Del Rio is a 660 unit public housing development located near East 55th and South Alameda streets in South Los Angeles with 656 households. Formed in the 1970's, the Pueblo Bishops has 300 active members and associates. According to law enforcement officials, the gang maintains strict control of this community by intimidating and threatening residents, confronting law enforcement officers who patrol the area and engage in beatings, shootings and murders.

“The federal racketeering indictment and today's law enforcement operation strikes at the gang's leadership and will drastically limit the gang's ability to conduct business,” said United States Attorney Andre Birote Jr. According to the FBI, the federal racketeering indictment names 41 defendants who could face potential life sentences if they are convicted.

If there is ample evidence that those arrested were conducting illegal activity out of the public housing units, the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) will proceed with the eviction process.

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The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) is a state-chartered public agency. It provides the largest stock of affordable housing in Los Angeles and is one of the nation's leading public housing authorities. It is also one of the oldest, providing quality housing options and supportive services to the citizens of Los Angeles since 1938.

“HACLA has a Zero Tolerance policy towards illegal and criminal activity. We support all LAPD and law enforcement efforts that promote safety in our communities,” said Mr. Montiel.

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