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### Oakland Men Charged in the Death of Fellow Gang Member

*Oakland, CA* — Alberto Ruiz, an 18-year-old Oakland resident, has been charged with murder by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office in the June 17th shooting death of fellow gang member Christian Daniel Garcia. Ruiz is also charged with attempted murder and being involved in a criminal street gang. Eric Salazar, a 23-year-old Oakland resident, was charged with being an accessory to a felony and being involved in a criminal street gang.

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, Garcia and his fellow gang members drove a van to the 6400 block of Avenal and taunted members of a rival gang. Garcia began shooting at his rivals. The return gunfire from the opposing gang fatally wounded Garcia. Ruiz and Salazar were not injured and pushed the van to the 2600 block of Seminary Ave. before running away.

The investigation was led by Homicide Investigator Officer A. Mendoza, who has extensive experience in investigating Oakland street gangs. Before coming to the Homicide Section she worked as a gang investigator. Officer Mendoza said that both men admitted to being in the van with Garcia and to being gang members.

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