



**Porterville Police Department  
Press Release**

**Incident:** 211 PC – Robbery  
182 PC – Conspiracy  
186.22 PC – Participate in Criminal Street Gang

**Date/Time:** March 30, 2010 / 1:08 P.M.

**Location(s):** Morton Avenue @ 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Porterville

**Suspect(s):** Raul Barajas, 18 Years, Porterville Resident  
Male Juvenile, 17 Years, Porterville Resident  
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**Summary:**

On March 30, 2010 at approximately 1:08 PM a 17 year old male student at Granite Hills High School contacted school officials to report a robbery. The victim related that on March 23, 2010 at approximately 8:00 A.M. he was at the bus stop located at Morton Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street when he was approached by three Hispanic males. The males asked the victim if he was a gang member, however the victim denied any gang affiliation. The three suspects then assaulted the victim with their fists and took his MP3 player and fled on foot. The victim was unfamiliar with the suspects and was not injured during the assault. During the course of the investigation officers identified three suspects who were identified as Raul Barajas and two 17 year old Hispanic males, all of whom are identified gang members. On March 31, 2010 Porterville Police Officers went to Citrus High School and arrested the two juvenile suspects. Officers also responded to the 400 block of West Center and arrested Barajas. The juveniles were booked into Juvenile Hall and Barajas was booked into the Tulare County Jail on the listed charges.

**Investigating Officer(s)**  
Ofc. M. Williams #155

**Supervisor**  
Sgt. B. Nix #146