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## **CITY ATTORNEY ROCKY DELGADILLO SECURES 540-DAY JAIL SENTENCE FOR BIG HAZARD GANG MEMBER**

**LOS ANGELES** – Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, the City’s chief prosecutor, today announced his office has secured a 540-day jail sentence for a Big Hazard criminal street gang member for multiple violations of the served gang injunction.

Guillermo Andrade, a known member of the Big Hazard gang, was sentenced to 36 months probation, gang and search and seizure conditions, and ordered to stay away from the Ramona Gardens housing development for violations of the served gang injunction. In addition, Andrade was sentenced to 540 days in jail for probation violations for five prior injunction violation cases in February and June.

Andrade was arrested on February 6 after Hollenbeck CLEAR (Community Law Enforcement and Recovery Program) officers observed him in Ramona Gardens associating with other known gang members in violation of the injunction. Andrade had previously been arrested and convicted three separate times between October and December 2007 for injunction violations. Following the February conviction, Andrade was ordered to complete 270 days in a drug treatment program. However, following a subsequent arrest on June 6 for another injunction violation, the City Attorney’s Gang Division discovered Andrade had failed to complete his treatment program.

A third arrest took place on June 12 after Hollenbeck CLEAR officers again observed Andrade trespassing on to Ramona Gardens. Each of the cases against Andrade were prosecuted by City Attorney Delgadillo’s Gang Division.

The injunction, which became permanent in September 2005, restricts served gang members from associating with each other in public and bars them from intimidating residents of, and trespassing in, a “safety zone” that covers Ramona Gardens – one of the proposed eight “Gang Reduction Zones” in the City’s 2007 anti-gang plan.

Gang Injunctions are part of the City Attorney’s comprehensive anti-gang plan that includes a call for mandatory sentencing enhancements for gang members who violate the terms of their injunctions, innovative probationary conditions, and a partnership with L.A. County Sheriff Lee Baca to ensure gang members jailed for injunction violations serve their full terms.

Since taking office in July 2001, Delgadillo has increased the number of gang injunctions from eight to 36, covering more than 50 gangs in Los Angeles. In addition, LAPD reports cite a 33 percent decline in gang membership since 2001.