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2 gang members sought in shooting that left 1 dead, 1 injured
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Two 18-year-old gang members suspected in a weekend drive-by shooting that left one teen-age girl dead and a second girl seriously injured were being sought by police Monday.
The suspects are believed to be members of La Raza, a Hispanic gang that operates in far southwest Houston. Each has been charged with murder and attempted capital murder. Both suspects remained at large late Monday.
Police have asked the suspects' names not be published until they are in custody. One of them is currently free on a \$20,000 bond awaiting trial on a murder charge filed after a December gang fight that left a 16-year-old dead about a mile from Saturday's drive-by shooting.
The suspects allegedly shot Rani Adenia Goodgame, 18, and Jessica Uvalle, 14, Saturday about 12:30 a.m. in front of a house in the 6400 block of Grapevine. A witness said the weapons used were a pistol and an assault rifle.
Goodgame, shot in the neck, chest and head, died at the scene. Uvalle of 12500 Dunlap was hit in the chest and side. She has not yet regained consciousness and her condition at Ben Taub Hospital has been upgraded from critical to poor, officials said.
According to investigators, the attack occurred in front of a house where gang members live and that at the time of the shooting there may have been as many as 20 people, most teen-agers, at the residence.
Goodgame of 6100 Rollingbrook had just driven up to the house and was still sitting in her car when a small red pickup, occupied by as many as six people, drove up. At least two people in the pickup started shooting, firing 20 to 30 shots.
A witness, also apparently a La Raza member, identified the two men who are charged in the shooting.
It was the second fatal shooting in the far southwest Houston neighborhood in a week. Police said it is unclear whether the first, which left 25-year-old Estevan Cura dead in the 3700 block of Ripplebrook, about a mile from Saturday's shootings, was gang-related.
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