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Gang members held in shooting of girls

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Police arrested three members of the La Raza street gang Wednesday and they were charged with murder and attempted capital murder in the shootings of two teen-age girls Saturday morning.

Investigators are still looking for three others charged in the case.

Francisco Javier Archundia, 18, and his 16-year-old brother were arrested without incident at their home at 6120 Bellaire. Another 16-year-old was taken to the Police Department by his mother on Tuesday. Because the 16-year-olds are juveniles, police did not reveal their names. All are being held without bond.

Homicide Detective Sgt. Boyd Smith said that police are still looking for Hector Xavier Gomez, 18, of 5326 Ripplebrook, and two other juveniles. Gomez, who also is charged with murder in an unrelated gang shooting in December, is believed to have fled the state. He was free on \$20,000 bond at the time of the most recent shooting.

Smith said that all the suspects in the case are members of La Raza, a Hispanic gang in far southwest Houston.

The suspects were identified to police by another La Raza member, who said he saw Gomez fire an assault rifle at the girls while Archundia fired a pistol.

The shots hit Rani Adenia Goodgame, 18, of 6100 Rollingbrook, in the neck, chest and head as she sat in her car in front of a gang member's house in southwest Houston.

A passenger in Goodgame's car, 14-year-old Jessica Uvalle of 12500 Dunlap, was hit in the chest and side and was in poor condition Wednesday at Ben Taub Hospital.

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