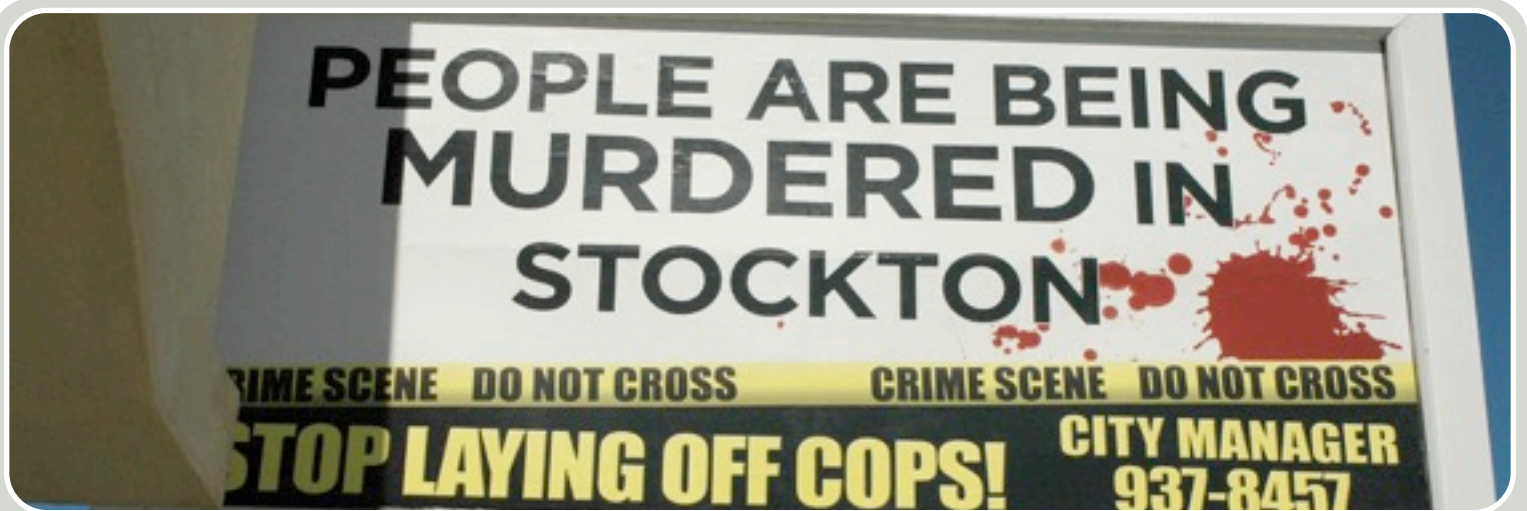


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Victim Dead After Stockton Shooting

Within a week of this homicide Stockton had already experienced four homicides.

STOCKTON—

A shooting victim in Stockton died from a gunshot wound early Friday morning.

Stockton Police responded to a house on East Fremont Street in Stockton after getting a report that a man was yelling for help.

Cops found the 34-year-old victim suffering from a gunshot wound.

The victim was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

This is the fourth reported shooting in Stockton in the last week.

Detectives are currently investigating the incident.



Welcome to Stockton sign just outside of city limits shows off its "All American City" shield.

CRIME SCENE



Top: Alleged suspect Luciano Mejia

Middle: Memorial for Joseph "Joey" Cruz at the scene of homicide.

Bottom: Rachel Garcia sits near a makeshift memorial made for friend Joseph Cruz

Right: Police at the scene of shooting

Stockton detectives ID suspect in murder of bicyclist

June 16, 2011

STOCKTON, CA - Stockton police detectives are looking for the man they allege executed a bicyclist on a central Stockton street in broad daylight Tuesday afternoon.

Officer Pete Smith with the Stockton Police Department says Joseph Cruz was shot in the head and chest with a sawed-off rifle on the 2600 block of N. Street. The gunman road away on a bike in the direction of south Sutter Street.

The investigation has led to the identification of Luciano Mejia as the shooter, Smith said. The suspect known to keep a sawed-off rifle in a

black backpack, which witnesses reported seeing, according to Smith.

Mejia is 31; Hispanic; 6 foot, 5 inches and 280 pounds. He has [brown hair](#) and brown eyes. His arms are heavily tattooed.

Smith said Mejia may be affiliated with gangs. He is considered armed and dangerous and has ties to south Stockton. Investigators have learned he has also been seen in the Oak Park area of town.

Ortiz' killing was the sixth one in Stockton boundaries in nine days.

Anyone with [information](#) on Mejia was asked to call the police department at (209) 937-0323 or after hours at (209) 937-8245.



Stockton shooting leaves teenager dead, eight injured

Los Angeles Times

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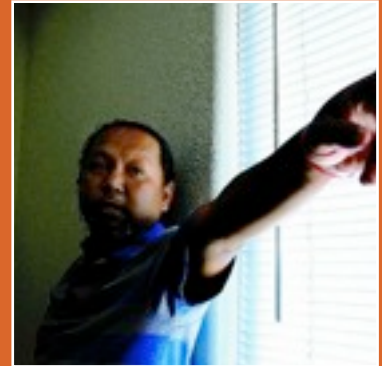
One teenager died and eight others were injured after gunfire erupted at a Stockton birthday party this weekend. Stockton police responded to calls of a shooting shortly after 11 p.m. Saturday in the 1100 block of E. Lincoln Avenue in

the northern part of the city. Police said more than 20 rounds were fired from above a wooden fence bordering the backyard where the party was taking place.

Investigators are not sure whether the attack was carried out by a single gunman or several, a Stockton police spokesman said. A 15-year-old shot in the torso died of his injuries Sunday morning at St. Joseph's Medical Center, and the conditions of the others is unknown. Police have not arrested any suspects.



CRIME SCENE



Top: Sara Khuon points to a bullet hole in his wall.

Middle: Police on the scene of shooting

Bottom: Crime scene markers litter backyard.

Bottom Left: Police investigators comb the scene for evidence.

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Top: Map of shooting location.

Middle: Over 30 bullet casings blanket the street just outside house hit by gun-fire.

Bottom: Police on scene of grizzly gang-related shooting.

Bottom Right: Map of shooting location zoomed in

Four killed in two-week spree

By [Barbara Zumwalt](#)

Record Staff Writer

September 14, 2011 12:00 AM

STOCKTON - A cluster of shootings centered roughly in the McKinley Park area have Stockton Police Department homicide investigators working with the gang-suppression unit to sort out victim identities, suspects and a possible surge in gang activity.

A 49-year-old woman and a 33-year-old man were shot and killed at about 8 p.m. Monday at South Hunter and West Jackson streets. Police are not releasing their identities pending notification of family members, but a relative of the woman identified the female victim as Rachel Moreno.

Just more than two hours later, a 30-year-old man was shot in a parking lot of a business in the 1100 block of North Wilson Way. He was on life support late Tuesday night as a result of his injuries, according to Stockton police spokesman Officer Pete Smith. He is not expected to survive.

It's unclear if these two shootings are related. But police are looking into the possibility of a connection among a spate of shootings in south Stockton that have left at least four people dead and two injured in less than two weeks.

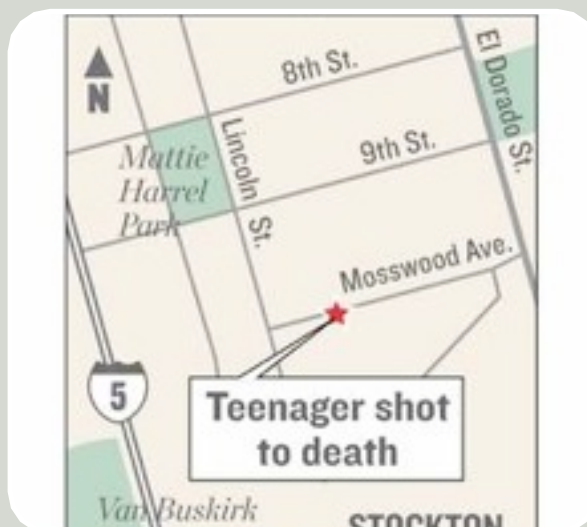
» Aug. 31: Ricardo Raquepo Jr. is shot and killed in the 2400 block of South Madison.

» Last Wednesday: Angelo Peraza, 18, is shot and killed in the 300 block of Mosswood Avenue, which intersects Madison at the south end of the 2400 block.

» Thursday: Two men, ages 29 and 35, are shot and wounded in the 2400 block of South Madison.

» Monday: The shootings at South Hunter and West Jackson streets.

"Some, if not all indicators, suggest these might be related," Smith said, while cautioning the investigation is in its early stages and is not conclusive. "At least two factions of rival gangs are behind most of it."



Splate of shootings

Four people have been killed and two wounded in four shootings over the past two weeks in a south Stockton neighborhood.

- 1 2400 block of South Madison: Ricardo Raquepo Jr., 31, is shot and killed Aug. 31
- 2 300 block of Mosswood: Angelo Peraza, 18, is shot and killed last Wednesday
- 3 2400 block of South Madison: Two men, ages 29 and 35, are shot and wounded Thursday
- 4 South Hunter and West Jackson: A 33-year-old man and a 49-year-old woman are shot and killed Monday



Source: Record archives

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S.A.V.E.— Stop All Violence Everyone, is a Stockton-based anti-violence organization that was founded by Tyra Vickers-Kearney whose brother, Aaron Vickers, was shot and killed on Oct. 4, 2002 in a senseless drive-by as he stood with friends and a cousin on the corners of Nightengale & Bel-Air Streets in Stockton, Ca.. Aaron Vicker's homicide remains unsolved and if you have information that would be helpful in solving this senseless crime please contact the Stockton P.D. at (209) 937-0323

Latest Stockton Shooting Makes 33rd Murder this Year; Fewer Than Last Year

By Bhavisha Patel & Sam Cohen FOX40 News

11:13 a.m. PDT, September 16, 2011

STOCKTON—

Stockton Police are investigating the shooting death of a 33-year-old man, the city's 33rd homicide so far this year.

Officers say he was gunned down inside his own home on East Second Street near San Joaquin Avenue late Thursday night.

At least 20 shots were fired. Investigators don't know if the shooting was gang-related. This is the third deadly shooting in Stockton in one week.

FOX40 has reported dozens of shootings in Stockton so far this year, but cops say they actually have fewer shootings so far this year compared to 2010.

So far in 2011, there have been 33 homicides handled by Stockton Police investigators, last year at this time there were already 37 homicides.

In 2010, there were a total of 49 murders for the whole year.

Police: House Party Fight Leads To Deadly Shooting

Stockton Police Search For Shooter

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STOCKTON, Calif. -- Stockton police said they were investigating a homicide after a deadly shooting in North Stockton.

Investigators ask that anyone with information contact the Stockton Police Department at 209-937-8377.



Police were called to Martinique Court just after 4 a.m. after getting reports of a person lying motionless on the sidewalk.

When police arrived, they found the body of a 23-year-old Tony Le dead from an apparent gunshot wound.

Witnesses reported hearing fighting at a house party right before shots were fired.

Police said the party-goers had left by the time they arrived.

Holly Ramirez, Le's sister, said her mother found her son's body.

Le is the 36th murder victim in Stockton this year.

At the same time last year, Stockton had counted 41 homicide victims.



It doesn't matter what gang you belong to when you're in the grave.



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