

# Teen killed in gang shooting

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BARSTOW — A 16-year-old Barstow boy was shot to death by rival gang members at a party on Forane Street Saturday night. Two other people were injured.

The fatal shooting was the third of four that occurred over the weekend, all believed to be related to conflicts between black and Hispanic criminal street gangs, said Sgt. Lee Gibson of the Barstow Police Department.

The slain boy, identified by the Coroner's Office as Adrian Telles, was attending an alleged tagger party at 1628 Forane St.

The unidentified hostess, a Hispanic woman, had invited some black friends over. Uninvited black gang members showed up and were allowed to stay, Gibson said.

The black gang members confronted a member of a Hispanic criminal street gang and violence broke out, Gibson said.

Telles suffered a gunshot wound which hit his liver. He was taken to Barstow Community Hospital, treated and sent to San Bernardino County Medical Center. Doctors

there could not stop the bleeding and Telles was pronounced dead at 1:32 p.m. Sunday, Gibson said.

Another Hispanic youth was shot in the shoulder. He was treated at BCH and released.

Barstow High School All-League linebacker-fullback James Durrrough, allegedly an affiliate with the black gang, was stabbed in the upper chest area by a Hispanic gang member. He was treated at BCH and released.

Police have no suspects at this time.

"Suspects have not been identified. We are still interviewing people and have a long way to go," Gibson said. "There were so many people there it was total chaos."

Police believe the murder is connected to two shooting incidents on Friday, one on Bighorn Drive and the other on Zion Drive, as well as a shooting on Forane Street reported Sunday morning.

"In some way they are all tied in ... a black criminal street gang versus an Hispanic criminal street gang," Gibson said.

Police believe the suspects in each case are different.

The first shooting occurred at 9:57 p.m. on the 900 block of Bighorn

Drive. Several black juvenile gang members fired at a house.

"I don't believe the residents of the home were gang members. I think they (the suspects) saw them there and took out their frustrations," Gibson said.

Two juveniles were arrested.

The alleged shooter, a 16-year-old, was taken to Juvenile Hall on charges of shooting at an inhabited dwelling. The other was released.

About 1½ hours later a woman reported that while she was driving northbound on Muriel Drive her car window was shot out near Zion Drive.

"We found .22 bullet casings on the 1000 block of Zion Drive. It was probably the same suspect, but we don't know," Gibson said.

After Saturday's fatal shooting, more shots were fired on the 1700 block of Forane Street.

"Five rounds hit the house and that house has a member of a Hispanic criminal street gang residing there," Gibson said.

"We don't know if it was shot at earlier and not discovered until then, or if it occurred afterwards."

Gibson said tension and conflict between the gangs has been growing for awhile.