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**BELVIDERE DRIVE-BY LANDS GANG MEMBER IN PRISON**

On April 22, 2009, Angel Hernandez pled guilty to an Aggravated Battery with a Firearm for his role in a drive-by shooting in the 100 block of Beacon Drive. Hernandez, who was 19 at the time of the shooting, was sentenced to 11 years in the Department of Corrections.

On August 9, 2007, Hernandez drove the vehicle in which fellow Latin King gang members, Victor Villa, 18, and Joe Follis, 17, were passengers. Villa had been beaten up by a rival gang member from the Sureno 13 street gang in Belvidere earlier that day. Villa had Follis go home and get Follis' gun to retaliate. Villa contacted Hernandez who at Villa's direction drove them to the 100 block of Beacon Drive. Follis fired several shots. One of the gun shots struck Luis Perez in the shoulder. Luis Perez was located in the driveway at 172 Beacon but apparently was not with the Sureno 13 gang members.

Villa was previously sentenced to 14 years in prison and Follis received a 12 year prison sentence in February of this year.

All three received Class X felony convictions which carry a sentencing range of between 6 to 30 years in the department of corrections and requires each defendant to serve a minimum of 85% of their sentence.

Boone County Assistant State's Attorney Sal LoPiccolo prosecuted the case.