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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY ARREST OF GANG MEMBERS

On August 11, 2009, at approximately 3:00 p.m., members of the Special Tactics Unit (STU) working in plainclothes, observed two males walking around a side yard in the 300 block of South Maple Drive. They entered into an awaiting vehicle and fled the area. STU officers followed the car, and with the assistance of uniformed officers, they stopped the vehicle and four male suspects were detained. An immediate follow-up investigation revealed evidence of a burglary to a residence nearby and a vehicle search produced several sets of gloves, screwdrivers, other burglary tools, jewelry, handbags, and other items of evidentiary value. The four males, Darius Gant, 22, Dean Thompson, 19, Derrick Gant, 20, and a 17 year old male juvenile, were placed under arrest and charged with Suspicion of Residential Burglary. These individuals are members of the "Rollin' 30's Harlem Crips."

"Officers would consider these types of observation arrests as one of the most satisfying and rewarding experiences in police work," said Lieutenant Tony Lee. "There's no doubt this terrific arrest prevented others from being victimized."