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**INJUNCTION SOUGHT AGAINST RAMPANT GANG ACTIVITY AT  
SOUTH LOS ANGELES APARTMENT COMPLEX**

LOS ANGELES – The City Attorney’s Office has filed a civil enforcement action to curb the gang activity of Denver Lane Bloods at a South Central apartment complex. The requested injunction would impose court-ordered conditions against the owners of a two-story, 28-unit apartment building on the 800 block of West Imperial Highway, a known location of criminal activity by members of the Denver Lane Bloods.

“The key to sustaining the historically low crime levels in Los Angeles, has been our Office’s proactive approach to target nuisance properties where serious crimes occur” said City Attorney Carmen A. Trutanich. “The City Attorney’s Office will continue to partner closely with the LAPD and federal agencies in order to take the fight to where gangs operate and not allow them any safe haven to terrorize our communities.”

The filing by the City Attorney’s Safe Neighborhoods and Anti-Gang Division comes in conjunction with a joint Los Angeles Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) takedown of several members of the criminal street gang.

Conditions sought by the City Attorney include an injunction prohibiting the owners from allowing gang members to sell drugs or commit other crimes at the property. The City Attorney is also seeking mandatory improvements to the property including installation of a controlled entry gate; improved lighting; video surveillance; tenant screening procedures and extensive background checks; the hiring of licensed security guards; and prohibiting known gang members from accessing the property.

The Property is, and has been for years, a notorious hangout for members and associates of the Denver Lane Bloods (“Denver Lanes”) criminal street gang. Whether tenants or not, Denver Lanes gang members congregate conspicuously at the property, maintain a constant drug-selling operation there, and also use the property as a hub for the commission and facilitation of violent gang-related criminal and nuisance activity.

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Since 2007, there have been approximately 22 arrests or other criminal and nuisance incidents at the property involving drug sales, armed robberies, gang graffiti vandalism, gun possession, and beatings of residents or visitors to the apartment. Most recently, between June and September of 2012, law enforcement officers conducted six controlled drug buys at the property, purchasing crack from multiple Denver Lanes gang members and associates at and around the apartment complex.

A copy of the complaint can be found on the City Attorneys website:

[http://atty.lacity.org/OUR\\_OFFICE/Opinions\\_and\\_Recent\\_Filings/index.htm](http://atty.lacity.org/OUR_OFFICE/Opinions_and_Recent_Filings/index.htm)