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**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO RECEIVE TRAINING ON
HOW TO COMBAT VIOLENT STREET GANGS**

On Friday March 30, 2007 El Paso County Attorney José R. Rodríguez will offer area law enforcement officers legal training on how to fight the proliferation of violent street gangs and the crime they create.

The presentation will be part of a special seminar organized by the West Region of Texas Violent Gang Task Force (TVGTF), to promote networking for the collection and dissemination of gang intelligence among officers from local, state, and federal criminal and juvenile justice agencies.

The FBI office in El Paso has received information that suggests that a criminal organization referred to as the Folk Nation, a Chicago-based alliance of street gangs, is placing young members in the military in an effort to gather information about weapons and tactics. Although the reports have not yet been confirmed, there is a growing concern among local law enforcement officers about the possibility of increased gang activity in our area.

County Attorney Jose R. Rodriguez will explain how law enforcement officers can employ a legal tool known as "Gang Injunction" to prevent the proliferation of gang activity within a specific geographical area. In 2003 Rodriguez litigated successfully the first gang injunction in the El Paso area against the Barrio Azteca, protecting the "Segundo Barrio" against crime and gang activity for more than 2 years. Currently the County Attorney's Office is working on filing a second gang injunction, now targeting gang activity in Northeast El Paso.

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WHO: County Attorney José R. Rodríguez

WHAT: Gang Injunction Presentation

WHEN: Friday March 30, 2007 8:30-9 AM

WHERE: Burges High School

Multipurpose Conference Room

7800 Edgemere

INFO: Sgt. Armando Molinar

El Paso I.S.D. Police Department

915-887-6881

County Attorney José R. Rodríguez will be available for interviews right after the presentation, at around 9:00 AM