



SALINAS

Two arrested in boys' slaying

17-YEAR-OLDS SUSPECTED IN DAYTIME SHOOTING

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Main and Curtis streets, Salinas Police Chief Louis Fetherolf said.

Police searched the boys' residences following the arrests and found additional evidence, Fetherolf said.

Officers charged the Salinas youths, both 17, with two counts of murder and two of attempted murder, said Sgt. Don Cline, who is in charge of the investigation. Police earlier had erroneously reported one of those

Salinas police have arrested two teenagers in connection with a shooting that left two boys dead and two others seriously injured, city officials announced Friday.

After police spent weeks following leads, the arrests took place "in public" about 4 p.m. Thursday near North



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Salinas Police Chief Louis Fetherolf, left, says the boys' killing "rattled our entire community," Mayor Dennis Donohue called the shooting "heinous."

arrested was 15, Cline said. They were booked into Juvenile Hall.

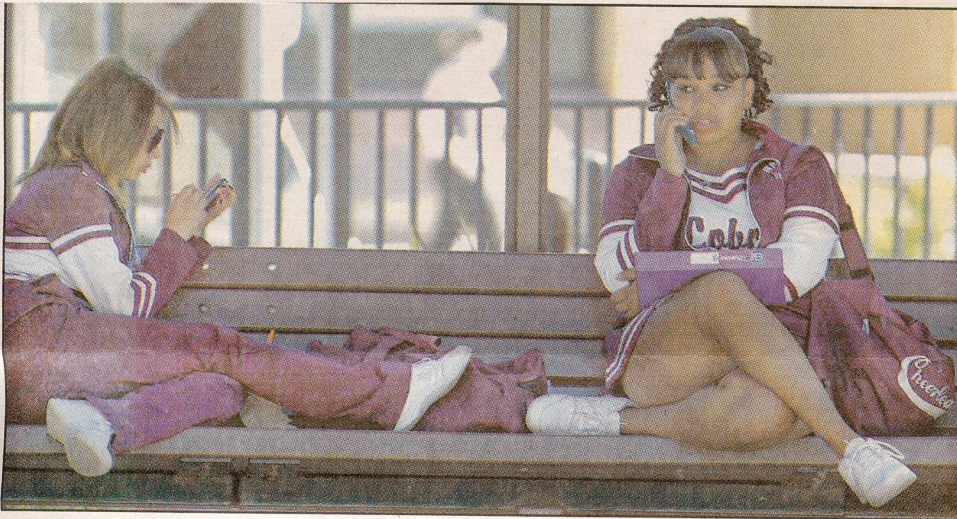
In a city plagued by multiple incidents of teen violence, the Oct. 14 shootings, which appeared to have been planned hits, shocked police and residents.

"The depravity and cold-bloodedness of this gang-related crime has shocked the consciousness of even seasoned officers and has certainly rattled our entire community," Fetherolf said.

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Blanca Lopez, 18, left, of Monterey and Nicole Trujillo, 19, of Marina wait at the Transit Center in Monterey on Friday.

CELL PHONE PARENTING

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ELECTRONIC LEASH GIVES FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY

are to be honest."

Weisskirch is interested in how parents use cell phones to keep connected with their teenagers. In his study, he analyzed cell phone interactions between 196 teenagers and their parents.

"Parenting is really changing as a consequence of cell phone use," Weisskirch said. Parents can phone to check what their children

are doing, and knowing that a child has a cell phone can give parents a sense of security. Weisskirch suggests that in some ways, cell phones have become a form of "parent by proxy."

"Today's busy kids aren't in front of their parents very often," Weisskirch said. "The difference is that the cell phone can traverse distance."

Cell phones give parents

an opportunity to build a relationship with their kids as opposed to constantly chasing them down, said Weisskirch. But his research indicates that basic rules of communication still apply.

"It may be detrimental to be an inquisitor by cell phone," Weisskirch said.

His study indicated that children who are called frequently by parents are less likely to think that it improved their parental

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relationship.

Children who described better relationships with their parents were the ones who initiated the calls, Weisskirch said.

He recommends giving children a cell phone and saying, "You know what I expect you to do," rather than frequently calling them.

"Parents should look at the cell phone as an extension of parenting," Weisskirch said. "It is a lesson in building a relationship and responsibility and a tool for communication."

But the temptation to be an overbearing parent has never been greater.

As Global Positioning System tracking devices become cheaper, more parents will be able to spy on their children when they are carrying their cell phones.

Weisskirch points out that such devices can create a false sense of security.

"A GPS tracker can track where the kids' handsets are," Weisskirch said. "That doesn't necessarily mean that's where the kids are."

Weisskirch would rather see parents develop good relationships with their children in order to believe where they are and what they are doing.

"There is no substitute for good parenting," he said.

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