

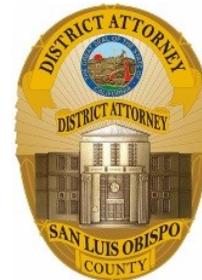
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**THREE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA POLICE OFFICERS  
CHARGED WITH MULTIPLE COUNTS OF  
CHILD ABUSE DURING YOUTH "BOOT CAMP" PROGRAM  
CONDUCTED IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

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SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA, September 18, 2015 – Three southern California police officers were charged today by the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney with multiple counts of misdemeanor child abuse. Charges include corporal punishment causing injury to a child, cruelty to a child, and battery. The ten alleged victims are minors between the ages of 12 and 16.

Defendants Edgar Yovany Gomez (2/17/80) and Carlos Manuel Gomez-Marquez (9/3/83) were employed by South Gate Police Department as police officers and Defendant Marissa Elizabeth Larios (6/10/79) was employed by Huntington Park Police Department as a police officer. All three officers were part of the cadre of instructors at a "boot camp" program entitled L.E.A.D (Leadership, Empowerment, and Discipline) which was coordinated and staffed by the Huntington Park Police Department and Southgate Police Department. The alleged child abuse occurred between the dates of May 17, 2015 and May 24, 2015 at a training facility on Camp San Luis Obispo where L.E.A.D. has conducted its program annually since May 2007.

All three defendants are scheduled to appear for arraignment in Department 10 of the Superior Court on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. All three defendants remain out of custody having filed a bond with the Court. Deputy District Attorney Craig van Rooyen is assigned to prosecute the case.

This case was investigated by the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office.

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