



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## PRESS RELEASE

Case #14-516880

### Gang Detectives Arrest Two Men in Drive-by Shooting

November 5, 2014— The Washington County Interagency Gang Enforcement Team (IGET) captured two men who are believed to have been involved in a drive-by shooting.

On October 28, 2014, at about 6:22 p.m., Sheriff's Deputies and Washington County Community Corrections Center (CCC) staff heard one distinctive gun shot that sounded like it originated from SW Adams Avenue between the Sheriff's Office and the CCC in Hillsboro. Multiple Sheriff's Deputies and Hillsboro Police Officers responded and searched the area for victims, damage, and evidence.



*Manuel Lopez Jr.*

Investigators obtained information that a dark colored vehicle picked up Manuel Jesus Lopez Jr., 20, from Aloha, moments before the gunshot. Manuel Lopez Jr. had been released from the Washington County Jail less than an hour earlier. Witnesses reported the gun was fired from the vehicle possibly toward two men who were in front of the CCC.

After compiling evidence and conducting interviews, it was determined the incident was gang related. On October 30, 2014, IGET Detectives located the vehicle and arrested the driver, Miguel Angel Cruz, 18, from Aloha after recovering a hand gun from the vehicle. It is believed that Miguel Cruz picked up Manuel Lopez Jr. from the jail and assisted in the shooting. On October 31, 2014, detectives arrested Manuel Lopez Jr. outside of his residence.



*Miguel Cruz*

Manuel Lopez Jr. was lodged in the Washington County Jail charged with Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Menacing, and Reckless Endangering. He is currently being held on \$100,000 bail.

Miguel Cruz was lodged in the Washington County Jail charged with Unlawful Use of a Weapon and Hindering Prosecution. He was held on \$10,000 bail and has since been released.

There are additional charges possible as the investigation continues.