

The origin of the mega-deals of the PNC in Ayutuxtepeque

The murder of a student who, police said, was not gang unleashed a mega-deals where three gang members were killed. Read the source of this fact.



Photo D1. AFP.

Moses was not a gang member. He was killed for the same reason that daily kill many Salvadorans: being young and reside in a place besieged by gangs. It was nearly four in the morning last Sunday. A group of gang members, wearing military and police uniforms, entered a passage from the San Carlos municipality of Ayutuxtepeque, San Salvador.

They came simulating a police operation. They kicked out the door with a sledgehammer and entered the house where the nursing student resided. They forcibly removed and put on his knees at the entrance of a church located outside his home.

The crime was brutal. The young man had no chance to defend himself. He unloaded the guns and the body was lying on the pavement with a broken skull. The attackers tried to flee, but it was too late. A call had alerted the National Civil Police (PNC) operating false.

Officers arrived to the area and met with the group of gang members quickly dispersed. Some climbed the hill Cusuco, a small mound, steep, with high weeds; and others escaped by other passages. It was then that the police asked for more reinforcements. The scenario was complicated. The new police units encountered in Colonia El Carmen, with three fake policemen who were armed with

caps and mountain passes. Were gang members. Even tried to flee, they surrendered and laid down their arms.

While this was happening on the hill Cusuco another group of gang members had hidden near a tree planted in the center of the small mountain. They made some shots to try to intimidate the agents gave them chase.

After a few minutes, they climbed up to the top. Gang members believed that everything was over, they had managed to outwit the authorities, and began to shed their police uniforms. Then they tried to escape through the El Bosque community.

It was late. A column of Police Reaction Group (GRP) had surrounded the sector. They were cornered. Realizing that they were in trouble, surrounded on all sides, they began to make shots against the officers and descended again. They barricaded themselves in the center tree and continued firing. It was past eight o'clock.

The confrontation was intense. The scene was film: police and soldiers - who also had joined the operation - had cornered the gang and were fighting among bullets. A helicopter had joined the battle. But gang members showed no signs of giving up so easily.



Photo D1. Salvador Sagastizado. Colony entrance to San Carlos, where the nursing student resided.

The genesis of the confrontation

The chain of revenge in the San Carlos began with the death of Luis Alberto Alfaro, alias "Black". He was 32 years old and was babler del Barrio 18 (Revolutionary wing) in the colonies Tazumal and Las Terrazas.

the first last August on the street to Mariona, up to the Monterrey municipality of Mejicanos colony crime occurred. The gang member, who lived in Corinth City, was driving in a red car. And suddenly, he

was intercepted by another vehicle that peppered him with bullets. The body was inside the car.

The structure headed by the "Black" believed that the perpetrators took refuge in the San Carlos, a frontier territory where there is more presence of the Mara Salvatrucha, which for years has been disputed by the Barrio 18 because it is a key passageway that adjoins with Mariona prison.

There, in the San Carlos, where he also lived Moses was living one palabrero of MS known as the "dry". His name is Carlos Hernandez. The gang of 18 thought that the plan to kill the "Black" had been forged in this house.

Revenge was Scythian stone. Eight days after the crime of "Black", a group of gang came to the house of the "Dry" and strafed. The "dry" out the back door of the house and plunged into a ravine. He escaped and never returned.

Having managed to expel the "Dry" from his home, the Barrio 18 gang members threatened to kill the families living in the San Carlos. They were asked to leave their homes. At least fifteen families obeyed and left, guarded by the police, to the Santa Rita, a sector with more presence of MS.

Since then, the 18 gang members wanted to gain more ground and killing residents have the San Carlos, most of them young. The latest victim is Moises Hernandez, 18 years old, who was studying third year at the School of Nursing. Police have not had emerged as a gang member. Neighbors and relatives of the young also ruled that this has been a gang member.



Photo D1. Salvador Sagastizado. Thus was the door of the house of the "Dry" after attempt to assassinate him.

The battle seemed endless. The hours passed and the gang members were getting resistance. Despite warnings from police, they did not surrender. The press had also arrived on the scene and documenting the full color mega-deals.

"The terrain was difficult and we had no more room for maneuver. They were surrounded. No escape, but they refused to surrender. Then the plan was exhausting us to surrender. Unfortunately they did," recalls one of the officers who participated in the operation.

At one point, two of the gang members, when cornered, decided to surrender. One helped by an alleged evangelical pastor, who asked him by phone to surrender to the authorities. So he did.

"I had already accepted surrender, but when we called to launch the weapon to the ground did not. Until then he pulled to the front. We ordain him pick her up and throw aside. He put resistance and finally obeyed and stopped," recalls another policeman.

The captured were identified as Jesus Ramirez Soriano Velazquez, 18 years old, Alexis Molina Avilés, 19, Bryan Eliseo Molina Aviles, 19, and Ismael Carranza Funes, 19. All are charged with terrorist offenses, murder aggravated and possession of firearms.

Three other gang members died at the scene of the confrontation. One of them was identified as Douglas Alexander Cruz Saravia, 18, alias "Little Billy". This was profiled by police as one of the most dangerous assassins of the structure. Another of them was recognized only as "Chele Calulo" and the third even his identity is unknown.

Police seized four long guns, including an AK-47 assault rifle. "It is not that the scene has been similar to war. What happened was that we exhausted all the resources of the law. We made no sweep. We try to capture them alive and they resisted. That's all," says a third agent who participated in the operation.

