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****PRESS RELEASE****WALLA WALLA POLICE DEPT**** 2nd Arrest Made in Drive-by Shooting

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Detectives made a 2nd arrest in last week's drive-by shootings. Clemente Garcia-Cerda, 928 Edith Ave., was taken into custody without incident shortly after noon today in the 100 block of SW 6th in College Place by Gang Detectives of the Walla Walla Police Department.

The Walla Walla SWAT team had served a warrant at Garcia's Walla Walla residence and found no one home at about 9:15 this morning. Detectives then began searching for him in areas he was known to frequent. Garcia, who is 19 and known to affiliate with a local gang, has 2 prior convictions for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm.

Garcia is being held on probable cause for 8 counts of Complicity to 1st Degree Assault and 2 counts of Complicity to Drive-by Shooting. The charges stem from the May 17th shootings in the 200 block of W. Chestnut and the 200 block of Eagan.

Probable cause was developed that placed Garcia in the vehicle used during both of the shootings. The Eagan Street drive-by resulted in the assault of Salvador Duran Saucedo, 25, a known gang affiliate of a local rival gang. He was shot 3 times while in the alley south of Eagan.

The first arrest was Tuesday, two days after the shootings. Alejandro Jose Lomeli, 18, was taken into custody after he was identified as being in the vehicle during the drive-by on Chestnut. He has been charged with 7 counts of Complicity to 1st Degree Assault and one count of Complicity to Drive-by Shooting.

Gang Detectives are still seeking the identity of the other suspects who were in the vehicle during the shootings.

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