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**Gang Member Sentenced to Prison for
Hate Crime Attack in Long Beach**

An 18-year-old gang member was sentenced today to nine years in state prison for a race-motivated assault in April, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At today's court appearance, Andrew Pina of Long Beach pleaded no contest to a felony count of assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury in case NA106335. The defendant also admitted hate crime and gang allegations.

Deputy District Attorney Simone Shay, who prosecuted the case, said on April 29, Pina and three other alleged assailants —ages 15 and 16— reportedly approached a teenage boy who was at the beach with his older sister and her 29-year-old boyfriend.

When the teen was alone, Pina and the three juveniles reportedly asked him where he was from before they started yelling racial epithets at him, according to the prosecutor.

Seeing that the teen was in distress, the sister's boyfriend walked up and told Pina and the juveniles to leave them alone, the prosecutor said.

Pina and the three juveniles then reportedly attacked the 29-year-old boyfriend, spitting on him and stabbing him several times, according to the prosecutor.

A passerby witnessed the attack and yelled for the group to stop. Police also were called. Pina and the three teens allegedly fled the scene, but were later located by law enforcement and arrested, the prosecutor said.

The three minors were each charged with assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury. Their next hearing is scheduled for June 14 at the Long Beach Juvenile Court.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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