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Two more suspected members of Flint's 'Pierson Hood' gang charged

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FLINT, Michigan -- Two more suspected members of the Pierson Hood gang have been charged with crimes including murder and terrorism, local officials announced Tuesday.

Larry Allen, 30, and Jarvon Brown, 29, were arrested March 27 as part of a more than year-long probe by the Safe Streets Task Force into the gang activity.

Allen was charged with two counts of first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder, terrorism causing death, delivery of cocaine less than 50 grams and racketeering.

Brown was charge with two counts of first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder, terrorism causing death, delivery of cocaine less than 50 grams and racketeering, felony firearms and possession of a firearm causing death.

Both men are believed to have been involved in the September 2004 shooting death of two men at the Super 8 Motel in Mt. Morris Township and the slaying of two men at Club Xclusive in September 2005.

Local officials said Tuesday that work done by the task force, which is made up of local, state and federal agencies, will continue.

"There are other gang members out there from Pierson Hood that we're still looking for," said Genesee County Sheriff Robert J. Pickell. "They can run, but they ain't hiding. We're not out to cripple them, we're out to annihilate them."

About 50 suspected members of the gang, which has been linked to at least seven slayings, have been arrested.

Pickell said when the task force is done with the Pierson Hood gang, it will focus its efforts on other area gangs, which fight each other for control of the area's drug trade.

County Prosecutor David Leyton said the work of the task force should be continued despite local budget problems, including Monday's announcement by Flint Mayor Don Williamson to cut police officers.

"In this community, it's a battle we can never stop," he said. "We must fight crime every day."

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