

"I almost shot myself," he said quietly.

From the beginning, Ramirez said no one was interested in hearing his side of the story; instead, they believed Escalona's claims that Ramirez was the only one with a gun.

He thinks the lack of desire to consider his side of the story all stems back to his not-so-innocent past.

Admittedly, Ramirez, who was known by many people as "Lil Soldier," said he had a juvenile record, which included family violence, probation and at least three stints in Victoria's Juvenile Detention Center.

However, he claimed to have turned over a new leaf in 2008 when he quit the Cliqua Los Primos Surenos street gang after four years of membership.

Since then, the soon-to-be-father said he has covered up his gang tattoos, found employment as a house painter and has taken steps to get his GED.

"I was looking forward to bettering my life," said Ramirez, who said the brawl with Escalona was just one of several incidents he has had to deal with since quitting the gang lifestyle and one of four he and other family members have experienced in retaliation to the March shooting.

"I'm not saying he's perfect or has never been in trouble, but he's not to blame for this," said the defendant's mother, who asked not to be named for safety reasons. "For defending himself, he has to pay the consequences of his own life being taken."

She continued, "I don't think it's fair. I know Steve Tyler wants gang members off the street, but you don't go after one that is trying to change his life and was just defending himself."

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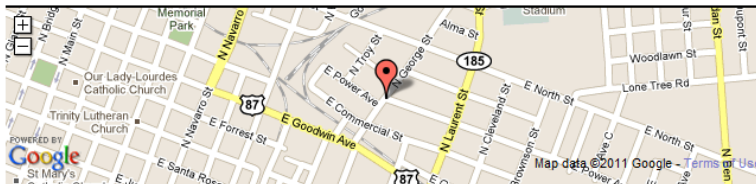
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