













Gang Identification and Investigation

Sr. Det. Gordon Ridings
Spotsylvania Sheriffs Office

- Member of VGIA
- Has been working gangs for 7 years
- Was School Services Unit Gang Investigator
- Has been previously assigned to the Regional Gang Task Force
- Served as Special Investigator to testify against gang and drug crimes in special grand jury
- Assigned to the FBI Safe Streets Violent Crimes Taskforce
- Sworn under Title 18 and 21 (FBI and US Marshals)
- Recognized as a Gang Specialist by the VGIA

Det. Jim Lay
Spotsylvania Sheriffs Office

- Executive Board Member for VGIA
- Has been working gangs for 10 years
- Member of the TF for 10 years
- Recognized as a Certified Gang Specialist thru VGIA
- Was School Services Unit Gang Investigator
- Served as Special Investigator to testify against gang crimes in special grand jury

GANG TASK FORCE

- Formed in July 2005
  - Investigate all Gang Activity
  - Provide expert testimony
  - Provide Gang Intelligence to law enforcement, and other agencies
  - Assist in Violent Crime investigations
  - Current members were folded into FBI SSTF in 2012

GANG TASK FORCE

- Conduct a variety of operations such as: Suppression, Interdiction, Search Warrants, and High-Risk Court Security, High Risk Prisoner Transport



GANG TASK FORCE STATISTICS

JULY 2009-JULY 2010

- ARRESTS: 81
- OPERATIONS: 24
- SEARCH WARRANTS: 21
- CALL-OUTS: 24
- ASSIST OTHER AGENCY: 520 HOURS
- TRAINING PROVIDED: 119 HOURS (24 CLASSES)

JULY 2005-NOV 2010

- ARRESTS: 780
- OPERATIONS: 219
- SEARCH WARRANTS: 125
- CALL-OUTS: 122
- ASSIST OTHER AGENCY: 3250 HOURS
- TRAINING PROVIDED: 582 HOURS (250 CLASSES)

The Reason for Concern

A study conducted between 2002 & 2008 revealed that the following types of communities (defined by population) are seeing the following changes in reported Gang Activity:

Percentage Change, 2002-2008

	"Gang Problem"	Gangs	Gang Members
Rural Counties	+16.4	+26.3	+7.8
Small Cities	+15.0	+35.0	+14.6
Suburban Counties	+21.8	+30.1	+9.6
Larger Cities	+12.5	+23.3	+2.2
Overall Population	+15.4	+28.4	+5.8

Statistics from Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, March 2010 edition

The Reason for Concern

Gang membership in the United States was conservatively estimated at **1 MILLION MEMBERS as of September 2008**, based on analysis of federal, state, and local law enforcement reporting--**an increase from an estimated 800,000 members in 2005**. Current estimates include approximately **900,000 gang members residing within local communities across the country** and more than 147,000 documented gang members incarcerated in federal, state, and local correctional facilities, according to state and federal corrections data. *Increased gang membership is most likely the result of gang recruitment efforts and the release of incarcerated gang members*; *however, more comprehensive law enforcement reporting and improved gang awareness may also have contributed to an increase in the number of gang members identified by some law enforcement agencies.*

Murder Circumstances, 2004–2008

Circumstances	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total	**14,210**	**14,965**	**15,087**	**14,915**	**14,180**
Felony type total:	2,099	2,189	2,472	2,204	2,101
Rape	37	45	32	32	23
Robbery	993	930	1,053	935	924
Burglary	78	91	80	86	87
Larceny-theft	17	12	16	10	16
Motor vehicle theft	36	32	16	20	19
Arson	28	39	27	59	26
Prostitution and commercialized vice	9	13	8	11	7
Other sex offenses	14	9	18	10	11
Narcotic drug laws	558	597	806	590	501
Gambling	7	2	4	4	10
Other—not specified	322	419	412	447	477
Suspected felony type	119	45	57	67	104
Other than felony type total:	7,008	7,096	7,328	7,165	6,975
Romantic triangle	97	118	104	105	104
Child killed by babysitter	17	26	27	35	51
Brawl due to influence of alcohol	140	123	106	118	125
Brawl due to influence of narcotics	99	97	53	65	68
Argument over money or property	221	210	198	192	192
Other arguments	3,772	3,718	3,644	3,695	3,558
Gangland killings	**95**	**96**	**121**	**78**	**133**
Juvenile gang killings	**805**	**756**	**864**	**678**	**711**
Institutional killings	17	12	22	11	15
Sniper attack	1	2	2	1	4
Other—not specified	1,744	1,938	2,187	2,187	2,014

Regional Statistics

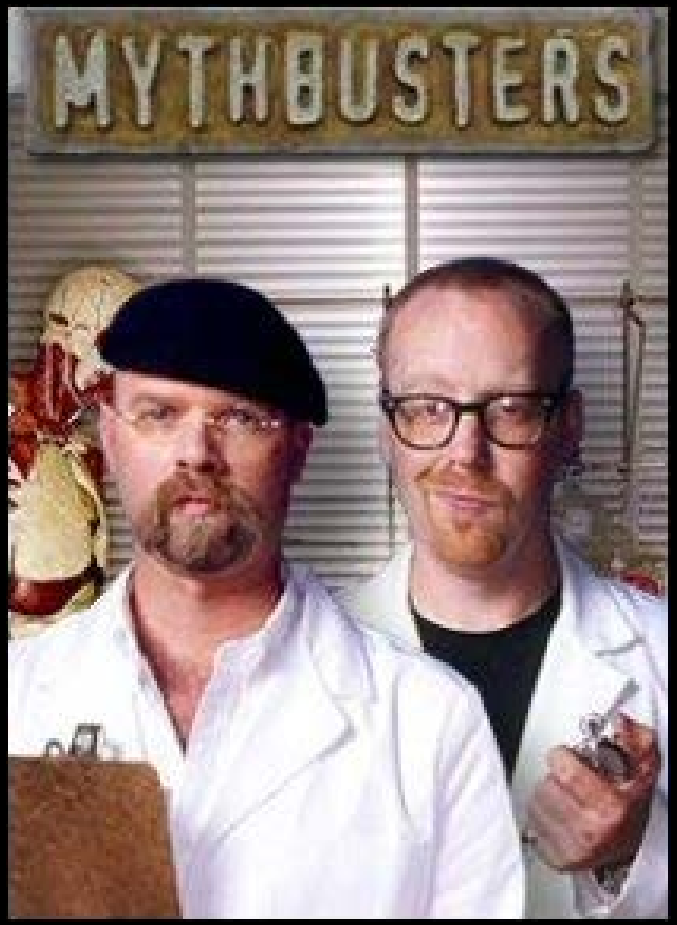
Breakdown of gang involved subjects in the region (Aug 2010):

- Member – 436 - 43%
- Associate – 120 - 12%
- Suspected member – 152 - 15%
- Person of interest – 51 - 5%
- Other – 17 - 1%
  - (taggers, go-go promoters, dope dealers)
- Purged – 240 - 24%
- Total -- 776

Local Statistics

- FPD “Gang Related” Cases
  - 2007: 41 Gang-related cases (0.7%)
  - 2008: 50 Gang-related cases(0.8%)
  - 2009: 51 Gang-related cases(0.9%)
  - 2010: thru August 23, **40** Gang-related cases (1.2%)
    - Established nexus with nearly 30% of reported crimes
    - Qualifier: “Gang-related case” is only when the **CRIME** is suspected or confirmed as a Gang Offense

Common Myths About Gangs



- Gangs are new to this area.
- The problem is gangs moving into this area.
- We don’t have real gangs, they are just “wanna be” gangs.
- Gang members are mostly delinquent juveniles.

MYTH

Gangs are new to this area.

- Gang style graffiti first started appearing in this area about **sixteen years ago**.
- Law enforcement began to notice criminal gang activity shortly thereafter.
- The first gang prosecutions began shortly afterward.

MYTH

The problem is gang members moving here from urban areas

- More than 80% of jurisdictions that report having a gang problem also report that they first saw “home grown” gangs emerge.
- “The majority of local gang related crimes have been committed by locally born and bred gang members.
- Gangs from outside there area are *present* but they are not as active as the local gangs.

MYTH
The gangs we have are just "wanna be" gangs, they aren't "real" gangs

- **If it looks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, and waddles like a duck….it is a duck.**
- Local gangs have been responsible for drive-by shootings, assaults, home invasion robberies, sex offenses, drug dealing, etc.
- Is doesn't get anymore "real" than that.

MYTH
The majority of gang members are juveniles.

- Nationally, the average age of a gang member is 24.
- Locally the average age is slightly younger, but still adult (19).
- Both adults and juveniles have been convicted of gang offenses in this region.

What is a Gang Problem and Do We Have One?

- Taking into account all crime in the region, gang related incidents only account for approximately

  2% - 4%.

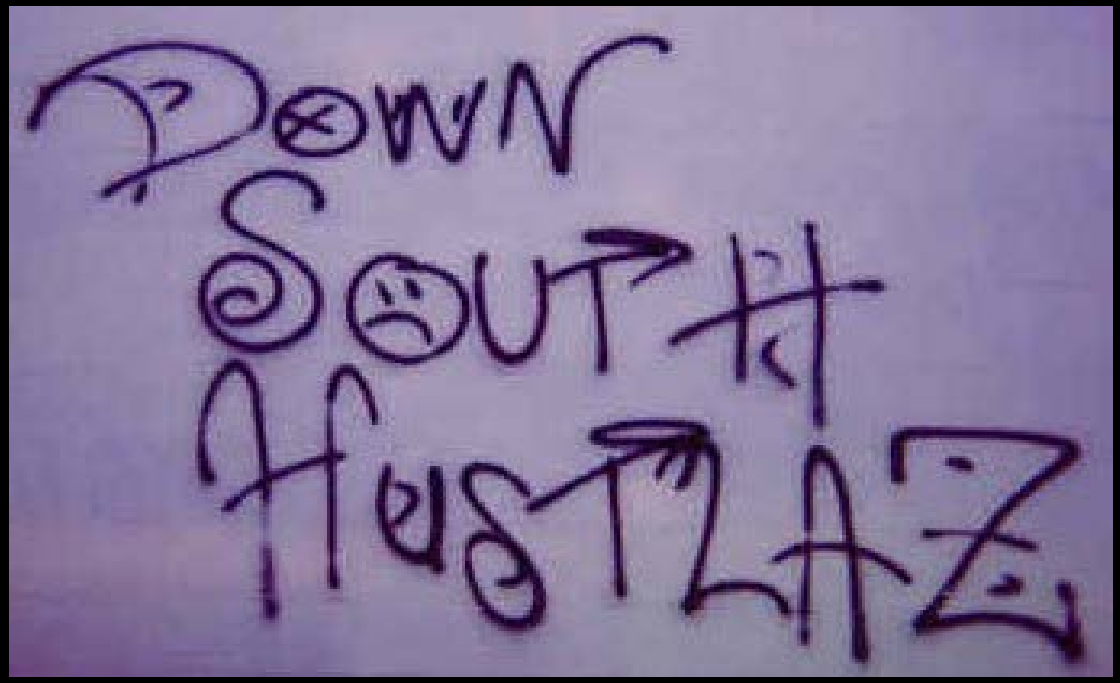
- Due to this, it can be said that we do not have a gang ***problem***, but we do have a gang ***presence***.

- We will have a gang ***problem*** if the gang ***presence*** grows beyond our ability to address it.

- We have been fortunate to benefit from the lessons that other jurisdictions had to learn the hard way.

Where did they come from?

- **Gang Imitation**
- **Gang Migration**



Gang Imitation

- **Movies/TV/Videos**
- **“Gangsta” Rap**
- **Fashion**
- **Internet**







Gang Migration

Gang Migration:

- **Highly mobile society**
- **Military families**
- **Moving away from trouble**
- **Economic Factors**
- **Expand territory and membership (recruitment)**
- **Flee rival gangs or law enforcement**





Some distinctions…

Because we have to focus resources on what is truly a threat to public safety,

We must make a distinction between a ***group that has taken on the trappings of the gang subculture,*** and what is a ***criminal street gang,*** as defined by law.

So…how **does** Virginia define a “gang”?

Code of Virginia

Gang Definition 18.2-46.1

- "Criminal street gang" means ***any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons***, whether formal or informal,
- which has as one of its ***primary objectives or activities the commission of one or more criminal activities***;
- which has an ***identifiable name or identifying sign or symbol***; and
- whose ***members individually or collectively have*** engaged in the commission of, attempt to commit, conspiracy to commit, or solicitation of ***two or more predicate criminal acts, at least one of which is an act of violence***, provided such acts were not part of a common act or transaction.

Code of Virginia

Street Gang Participation 18.2-46.2

- **A.** Any person who actively ***participates in or is a member of a criminal street gang and who knowingly and willfully participates in any predicate criminal act committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal street gang shall be guilty of a Class 5 felony.***

  However, if such participant in or member of a criminal street gang is age eighteen years or older and knows or has reason to know that such criminal street gang also includes a juvenile member or participant, he shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

- **B.** Violation of this section shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. If the acts or activities violating this section also violate another provision of law, a prosecution under this section shall not prohibit or bar any prosecution or proceeding under such other provision or the imposition of any penalties provided for thereby.

Code of Virginia

Gang Recruitment 18.2-46.3

- A. Any person who solicits, invites, recruits, encourages or otherwise causes or attempts to cause another to actively participate in or become a member of what he knows to be a criminal street gang is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

- Any person age 18 years or older who solicits, invites, recruits, encourages or otherwise causes or attempts to cause a juvenile to actively participate in or become a member of what he knows to be a criminal street gang is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

- B. Any person who, in order to encourage an individual (a) to join a criminal street gang, (b) to remain as a participant in or a member of a criminal street gang, or (c) to submit to a demand made by a criminal street gang to commit a felony violation of this title, (i) uses force against the individual or a member of his family or household or (ii) threatens force against the individual or a member of his family or household, which threat would place any person in reasonable apprehension of death or bodily injury, is guilty of a Class 6 felony. The definition of "family or household member" set forth in § 16.1-228 applies to this section.

Code of Virginia

Street Gang Participation (3rd or subsequent offense) 18.2-46.3:1

- Upon a felony conviction of § 18.2-46.2Upon a felony conviction of § 18.2-46.2 or § 18.2-46.3, where it is alleged in the warrant, information or indictment on which a person is convicted that
- such person has been previously convicted twice under any combination of § 18.2-46.2such person has been previously convicted twice under any combination of § 18.2-46.2 or § 18.2-46.3, within 10 years of the third or subsequent offense, and
- each such offense occurred on different dates, such person is guilty of a Class 3 felony.

Code of Virginia

Gang Participation Near School(s), Etc. 46.2-3:3

- Any person who violates § 18.2-46.2
- upon the property, including buildings and grounds, of any public or private elementary, secondary, or postsecondary school, or any public or private two-year or four-year institution of higher education;
- upon public property or any property open to public use within 1,000 feet of such school property; or
- on any school bus as defined in § 46.2-100on any school bus as defined in § 46.2-100 is guilty of a felony punishable as specified in § 18.2-46.2, and
- shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of two years. A person who violates subsection A of § 18.2-46.3 upon any property listed in this section is guilty of a Class 6 felony,
- except that any person 18 years of age or older who violates subsection A of § 18.2-46.3 upon any property listed in this section, when such offense is committed against a juvenile, is guilty of a Class 5 felony.
- Any person who violates subsection B of § 18.2-46.3Any person who violates subsection B of § 18.2-46.3 upon any property listed in this section is guilty of a Class 5 felony. It is a violation of this section if the person violated § 18.2-46.2Any person who violates subsection B of § 18.2-46.3 upon any property listed in this section

Code of Virginia

Hazing 18.2-55.1

- It shall be unlawful to cause bodily injury by hazing
- any member of a criminal street gang as defined in § 18.2-46.1, or
- a person seeking to become a member of a youth gang or criminal street gang. Any person found guilty of hazing is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- For the purposes of this section, "hazing" means to recklessly or intentionally endanger the health or safety of a person or to inflict bodily injury on a person in connection with or for the purpose of initiation, admission into or affiliation with or as a condition for continued membership in a youth gang or criminal street gang regardless of whether the person so endangered or injured participated voluntarily in the relevant activity.

"Predicate Criminal Acts"

15.2-1812.2	Vandalism to Public or Private Facilities		18.2-287.4	Carrying Firearms in Prohibited Areas
18.2-121	Breaking and Entering		18.2-308.1	Carrying Concealed Weapon on School Property
18.2-127	Vandalism to Churches, Church Properties, Cemeteries, Etc.		18.2-53	Malicious Wounding in Committing or Attempting a Felony
18.2-128	Trespassing on Church or School Property		18.2-42	Assault by Mob
18.2-137	Vandalism to Any Property (Private)		18.2-46.3	Recruitment for Criminal Street Gang
18.2-138	Vandalism to Public Buildings		18.2-51	Malicious Wounding
18.2-146	Damaging Vehicle, Aircraft or Boat to Prevent Operation		18.2-51.1	Assault on LEO
18.2-147	Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle		18.2-52	Malicious Wounding by Caustic Substance or Agent, Explosive or Fire

"Predicate Criminal Acts"

18.2-282.1	Brandish Machete or Other Bladed Weapon		18.2-356	Pimping or Pandering
18.2-248 (2nd (+) Violation of Subsection "C")	PWID Controlled Substance		18.2-248 (Subsections H, H1 and H2)	PWID Any Controlled Substance
18.2-248.01	Transporting Controlled Substances into VA		18.2-55	Assault on Jailers, Inmates, Probationers, Parolees, Etc.
18.2-248.1 (2nd (+) Violation of Subsection "C")	PWID Controlled Substance		18.2-56.1	Reckless Handling of Firearms
18.2-255	Distribution of Certain Drugs to Minors		18.2-57	Assault and Battery
18.2-255.2	Prohibiting the Sale of Drugs on or Near Certain Properties		18.2-57.2	Assault on Family Member
18.2-286.1	Shooting from a Vehicle		18.2-59	Extorting Money, Etc. by Threats
18.2-53.1	Use of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony		18.2-83	Threats to Bomb a Building or Means of Transportation

"ACTS OF VIOLENCE"

19.2-297.1

18.2-30	**1st & 2nd Degree Murder**
18.2-38	**Mob-related Felonies**
18.2-47	**Kidnapping or Abduction**
18.2-51 (Article 4)	**Malicious Wounding**
18.2-58	**Robbery**
18.2-58.1	**Carjacking**
Article 7 of 18.2-61, 18.2-67.5:2 & 18.2-67.5:3	**Sexual Assault**
18.2-77 & 79	**Arson**

Example

The three subjects pictured have been arrested multiple times in Fredericksburg, some of which were for predicate offenses. Each of the trio admitted to their Crip gang affiliation.







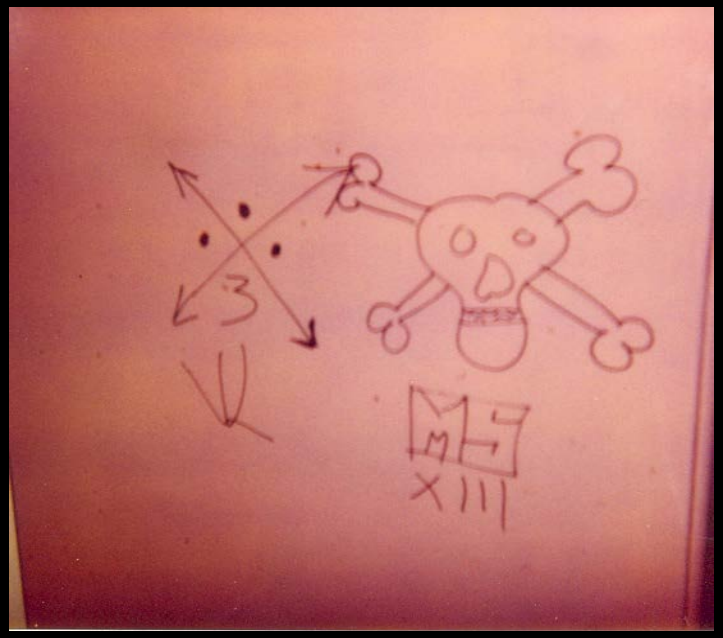
Gang charges have not been sought against any of the three because the predicate offense could not be proven to have been done to benefit the gang, but instead was done to benefit the subject due to their homelessness.

Some distinctions…

- **Super-Structure Gangs**
- **Regional Gangs**
- **Local Gangs/At-Risk Groups**







Super-Structure Gangs

- **Visiting, new, or just “low-key”**
- **Centered in other jurisdictions**
- **Making connections with local gangs**
- **Very serious crimes**
- **Have existed for years**
- **Gang “Nation” identity**

Super-Structure gangs that have made their presence known

- **Mara Salvatrucha**
- **18th Street**
- **Surenos**
- **La EME**
- **South Side Locos**
- **Red Dragons**
- **Gangster Disciples**
- **Latin Kings**
- **Crips**
- **Bloods**
- **Pagans**
- **Hell's Angels**
- **Nazi Low Riders**
- **Outlaws Motorcycle Gang**

National gangs that have made their presence known









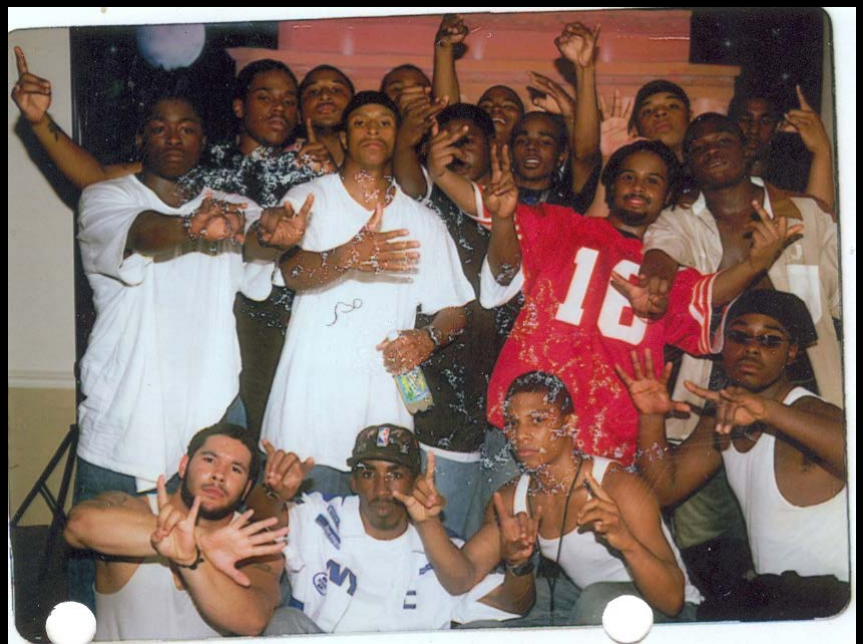


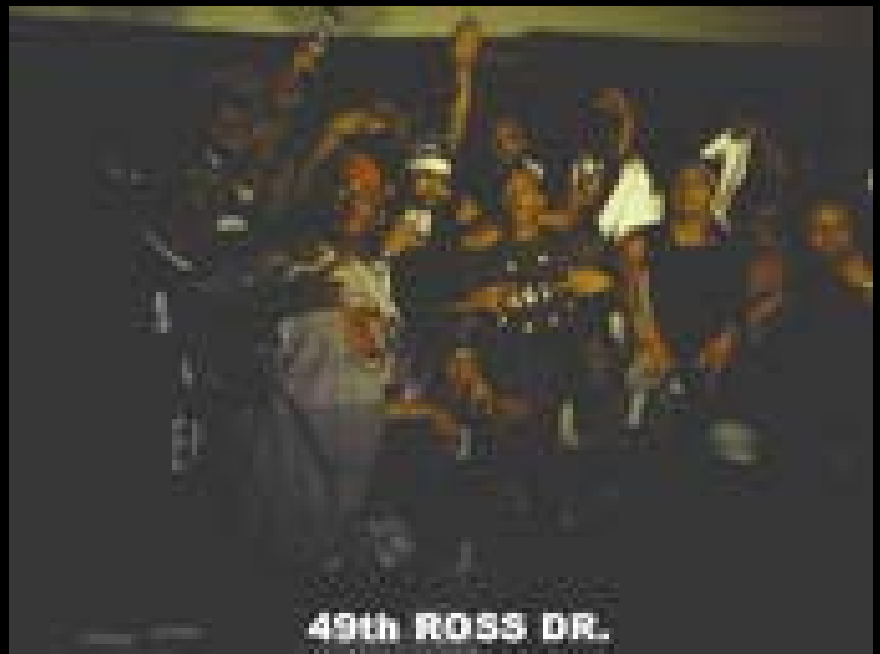




Regional Gangs

- **Centered around a jurisdiction**
- **Late teens to early 20’s**
- **Longer existence**
- **More serious crimes**
- **“Hybrid” identity**





Regional Gangs

- **Killa Mafia**
- **Pound Property**
- **Dog Pound**
- **Tiny Rascal Gangsters**
- **Ross Drive Lucas Street (RDLS)**
- **Gangster Disciples (local set)**
- **Goon Squad**





Local/"At Risk" Groups



- **Centered around a sub-division or school**
- **Early to late teens, but sometimes have adult members**
- **Short term existence**
- **Petty crimes**
- **"Hybrid" identity**









Local / "At Risk" Groups

- **Very few "at risk" groups develop into criminal street gangs.**
- **But nearly all criminal street gangs start as "at risk" groups.**
- **So "at risk" groups are a concern and should not be ignored.**
- **These groups are <u>one crime away</u> from meeting the legal definition of a *criminal street gang.***

Past and Present "At Risk" Groups

- **Young Fly Boys**
- ***Mayfield Crew/Mob**
- **Crack Sandwich Clan**
- **Oak Grove Crew**
- **South Oaks Mob**
- **Young Money Boys**
- **All about Money Boys**
- **Murk Squad**
- **Flat Run Crew**
- **Courthouse Crew**
- **Spotslee Click**
- **Infamous Gang**
- **69 Crew**
- **Deerfield Posse**
- **Park Wood Crew**
- **Tryin' to Get Paid**
- ***Lo Boys**

Gang Nations

- **Gangs that claim to be part of a gang "nation" usually have no real connection to one another.**
- **Rather, the "nation" identity is based on shared customs, rivalries, and alliances.**
- **Most street gangs will claim affiliation with a gang "nation".**



Folk Nation

- Gangster Disciples
- La Raza
- Latin Disciples
- International Posse
- Crips



People Nation

- Vice Lords
- Latin Kings
- El Rukins
- Black P-Stone
- Bloods

Gang Nations

- **Many Latino gangs will not identify with Folk or People, but identify themselves as “Surenos” or “Nortenos”.**
- **Gangs within a nation may be rivals on the street but become allies in prison.**
- **Asian gangs usually do not ally themselves with a gang nation.**

Crips and Folk Nation



Indicators

CRIP

- Represent to the **left**
- Colors are blue and black
- Main symbol is the letter C

FOLK

- Represent to the **right**
- Primary color is black
- Symbols include Pitchfork, 6 pointed star and “Folk Love”

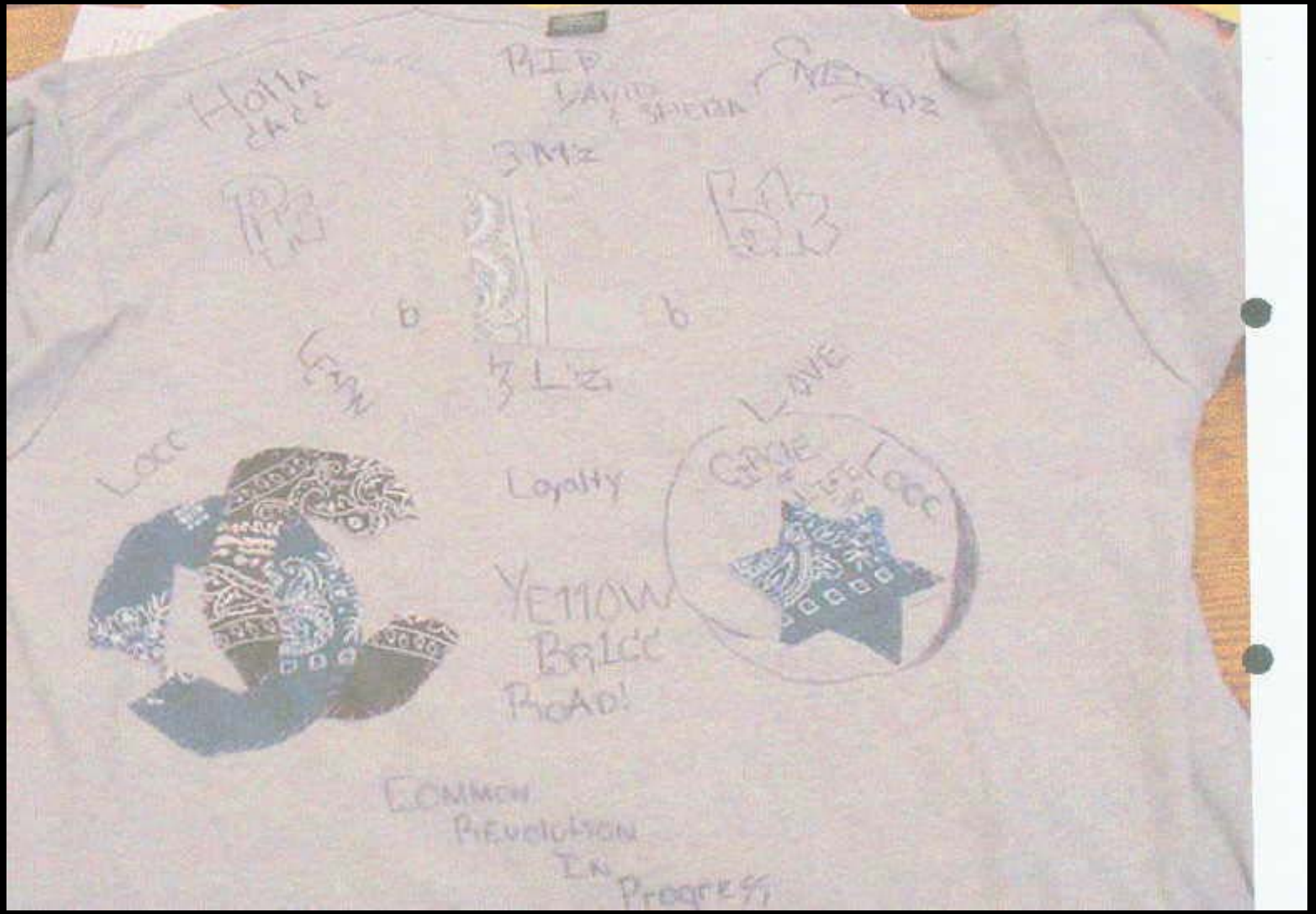
Crips and Folk Nation Sets

- Gangsta Disciples
- Rollin 30’s
- South Side Trey 8
- 34 Hoover Nephew Crip
- 32 Hoover Nephew Crip
- Original Crips
- Central City Crips
- 101 Hoover Crips
- 31 Cix LA Mafia Crips


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DediCated To Miss DeteCtive Jason Dimbowski

Well First And Foremost, I'd Like To Applaud And Thank All Of The Ladies Of The Spotsylvania County Sheriffs OffiCe And Gang Unit Task ForCe DeteCtive Power Ranger Squad. You Guys Are Doing A Wonderful Job Of being MyspaCe DeteCtives And SuCessfully Almost Interviewing And Interrogating My Whole Top 8...Hell, My Top 8 Should Come With A DisClaimer On It...Warning...If Ur Up There...These Fags WILL Try To Question You And/Or Lie About Ya boy Ave And His People To Try To Get You To Say Something They Can Use Against Us In Court...Lames. And Personally, Mrs. Jason Dimbowski...As MuCh As You Think You've Got Your Eye On Me, I See Your EVERY Move...I'm WatChing You WatChing Me...So When You Roll Through breezewood's Main Road...In Your Little bitCh Ass Unmarked Explorer Or Whatever Ur VehiCle Of ChoiCe Is For The Day...I Feel Like A PsyChiC...The Thought Of You Even Attempting To Investigate My Ways Or Whereabouts Honestly Flatters The FuCC Out Of Me And I Really Think You Should Just Come Out Of The Closet, Make Your Own MyspaCe, So You Stay Off Of Mine, And For Your Headline, Admit To The World That You Have This Undeniably Homosexual TendenCy To Attempt To WatCh Me And What I Do. Shit, I Haven't Had A Crush Like This SinCe The SeCond Grade...It Makes Me Feel Really SpeCial...

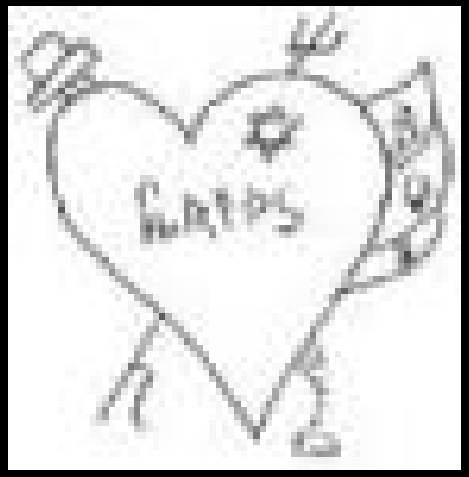
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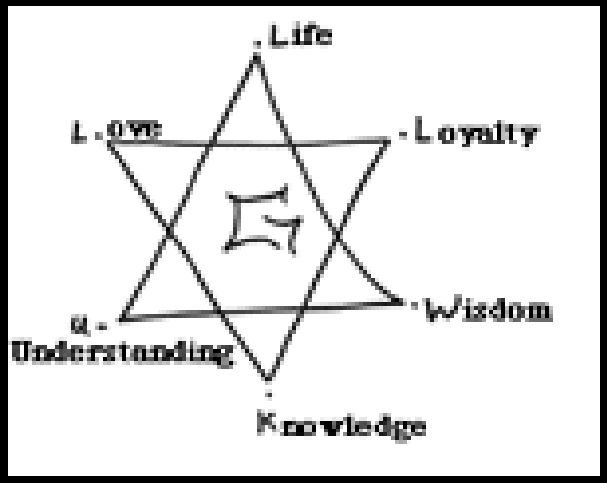
Just So You Don't Mistake It For Anything Else, FUCC...YOU...And You Can Tell The Judge That's How I Feel About You. You Can Try Ta Take Everything Away From A Nigga, but You Wont Take My Freedom Of SpeeCh...It's An ARMY Of Niggas That Feel Like Me, And As Long As We're Out Here...Your Little Career Is In Complete Jeapordy. beCause We Know All About How You Go About Harrasing Teens Around The City, Questioning Them, And Asking Personal Questions That Violate Them As Well...I'm Sure Your Mother Wouldn't be Too Happy About That One Now Would She?...Didn't She Raise A better Son...Errr DAUGHTER Than That? Maybe I Should Go Do Some Questioning Myself...As A Matter Of FaCt, Next Time I Go To The Library, I'll be Sure That She Knows All About Her Little Jason, As I'll Give Her A PieCe Of My Mind About You...Now Don't Take That As A Threat, I'm Sure She's A Fine Woman...but Something Must've Happened Ta You Ta Make You Turn Out So Hateful Towards Me And My People...It's ACtually Sad...

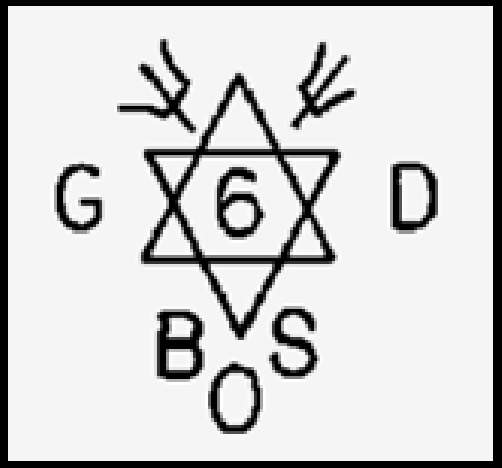
I Know What I'm Saying Is Getting To You, And YOU KNOW Damn Well That I'm Far Too Strong Minded For You To Try To Manipulate, So You Go Around, Asking Little Girls About Me And What I Do...Even Questions beyond The barriers Of The Details Of Our Case...Sexual Questions...What's Wrong Wit You Jase? You Some Kind Of Molester Or Something?...You Like Little Girls? That's The Type Of Shit You're Into?...Wow. I'm Sure Your Daddy DeteCtive Swift Wouldn't be Too Happy About That One Either...So I'ma Warn You One Last Time...Don't Do It To Yourself...Keep Your badge And Get Off Of My DiCC...I Heard What You Said Too...Yes It Is Gonna be A Long Ride...And You Know What? OnCe You're Done Riding Me...It's Gonna be My Turn Jason...My Turn...Remember That...And I'm Out.




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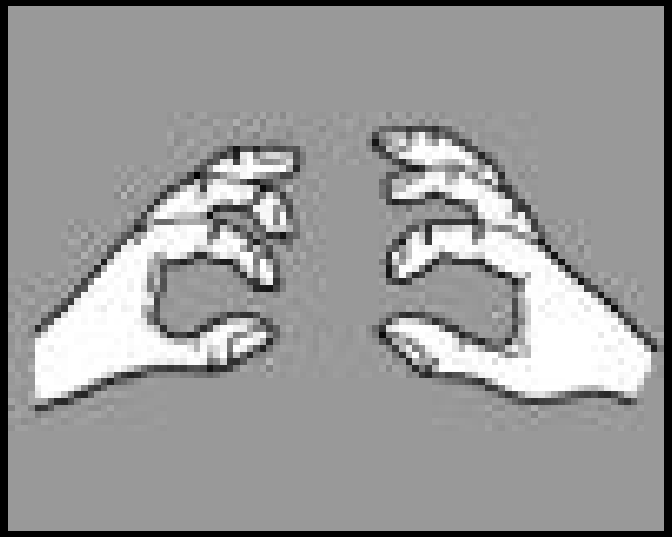

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Bloods and Peoples Nation



Indicators

BLOOD

- Represent to the right
- Colors are red and black. Additional colors include green and brown
- Symbols include five pointed star, top hat and cane, cholo, pyramid, and number 5

PEOPLES

- Represent to the left
- Colors are red and black
- Shares the same symbols of the Bloods

Blood Sets

Bloods (General)

- Rollin' 20's
- Traveling Vice Lords
- Blood Money
- G-Shine
- PIRU
- Stafford Oak Mob
- Krew
- Nine Tre Gangsters
  - 9 tek grenades
- SMM
- Bounty Hunter Bloods
- Tree Top PIRU
- Mad Stone Villians
- Valentine Bloods
- 183 (one eight tre)
- Hit Squad Brims
- Blood Stone Villains

UBN

United Blood Nation

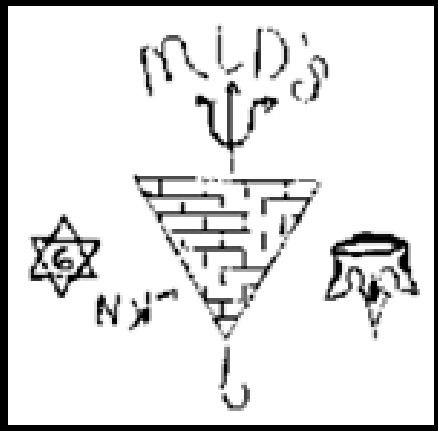
- East Coast bloods typically fall under the United Blood Nation (UBN)
- The UBN was created at Riker's Island in New York in 1993 by OG Mack and OG Deadeye
- Started in prisons and then found its way to the streets

UBN

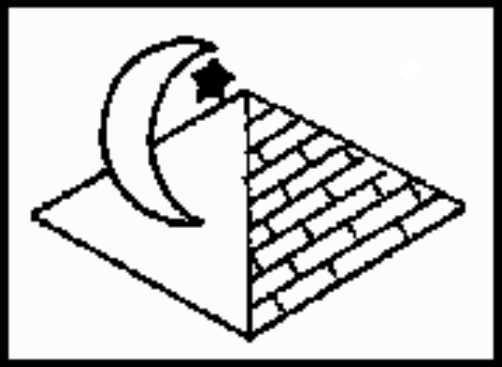
- West Coast Bloods and East Coast Bloods (UBN) are not the same, but do follow many of the same identifiers (knowledge, colors, code)
- Hierarchy often utilizes military style rank structure (Soldier, Lieutenants, Captains. 1-5 Star Generals)

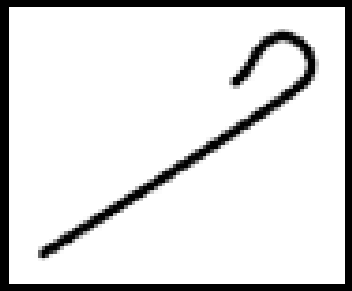

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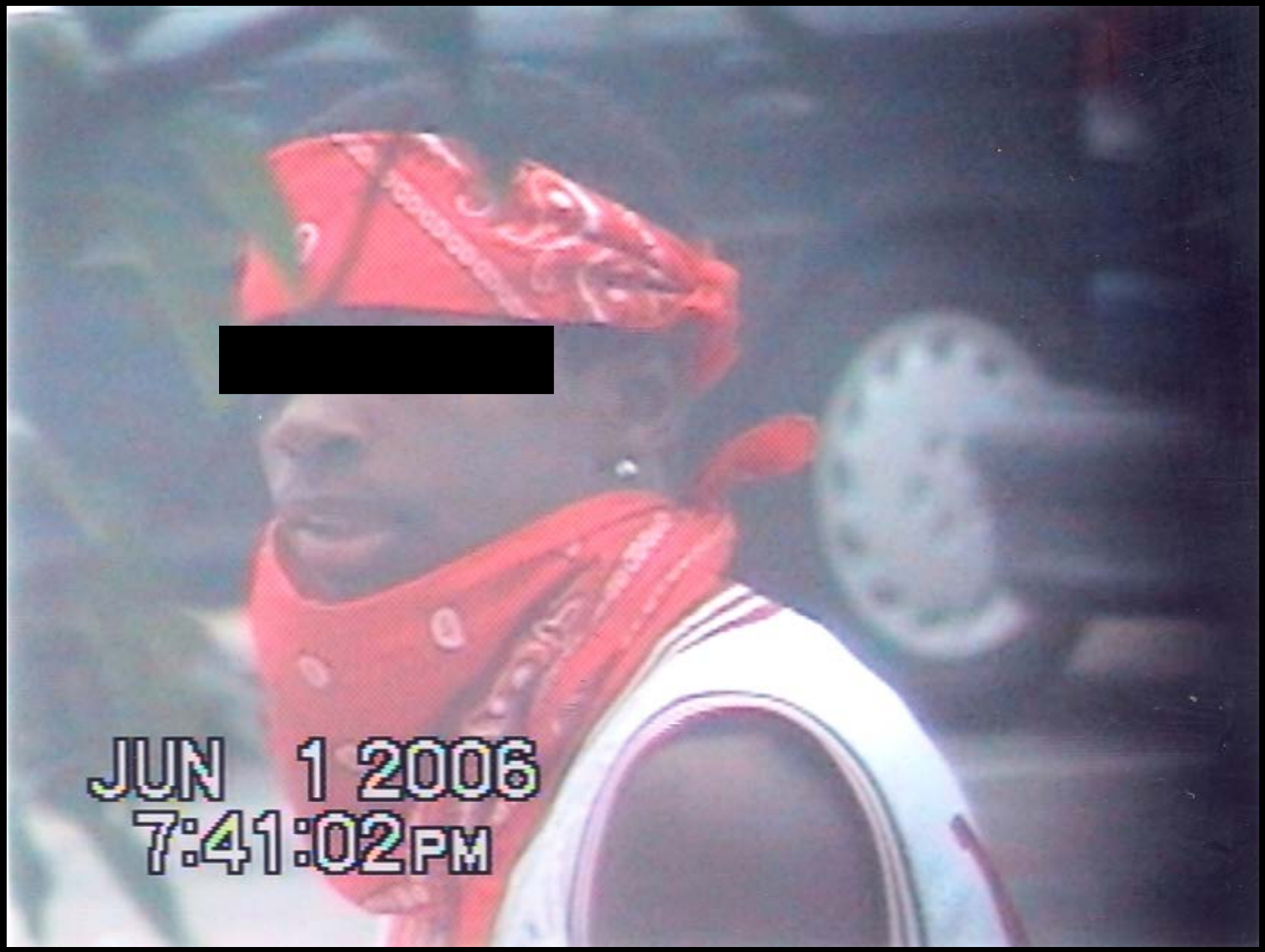







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MS-13

La Mara Salvatrucha


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History of MS-13



- The gang began as people fleeing El Salvador as the result of a civil war.
- Refugees fled to the United States and some had connections to La Mara, a street gang based in El Salvador.
- Some of the refugees had belonged to groups such as the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front and had extensive training in guerilla warfare.
- These Salvadoran guerilla fighters were known as “Salvatruchas”.

History of MS-13



- Here in the United States, as a result of prejudice to Hispanic gangs, these Salvadoran guerilla fighters formed what is now known as the “Mara Salvatrucha (MS)Gang”.
- They quickly gained recognition for both their violence and sophistication.
- MS now includes members from Ecuador,Honduras, Mexico, and Guatemala.



History of MS-13



- The main division of members among MS 13 are the cliques, much like sets for other gangs
- Members range from 12 years old to adults.
- The gang remains active in the United States, Central America and Canada.
- The MS-13 gang is now international in scope and has member cells in parts of the United States as far reaching as Kodiak, Alaska and Los Angeles, California.

MS-13

“In this country, we were taught to kill our own people, no matter if they were from your own blood. If your father was the enemy, you had to kill him. So the training we got during the war in our country served to make us one of the most violent gangs in the United States.”

Ernesto Miranda, AKA Smokey
Co-founder of the Mara Salvatrucha





MS-13 Indicators





- Colors are blue and white (colors of the El Salvador flag)
- Extremely violent
- Prefer edged weapons
- Number “13” used in homage to La EME
- Tattoos: Drama Masks, Devil’s Sign, any combination to represent “13” or “M” and “S”

la big mara salvatrucha *ms x3*













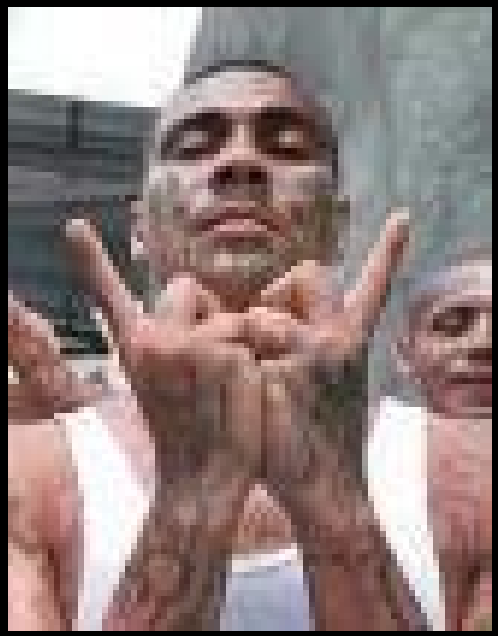

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National Headlines

On July 13, 2003, Brenda Paz, a 17-year-old female, former MS-13 member turned informant was found stabbed on the banks of the Shenandoah River in Virginia. Paz was killed for informing the FBI about Mara Salvatrucha criminal activities. Four subjects were later convicted of for the murder.

On June 22, 2008, in San Francisco, California, a 21-year old MS-13 gang member, Edwin Ramos, shot and killed a father, Anthony Bologna, 48, and his two sons Michael, 20, and Matthew, 16, after their car briefly blocked Ramos from completing a left turn down a narrow street.

In June 2009, Edwin Ortiz, Jose Gomez Amaya and Alexander Aguilar were MS 13 gang members from Long Island who had mistaken bystanders for rival gang members. As a result, two innocent civilians were shot. Edgar Villalobos, a laborer from El Salvador was killed.

MS-13 linked to slaying
August 23, 2006 12:50 am

Stafford County Sheriff Charles Jett speaks to media members about the investigation in the slaying of Shannah Marie Angeles (pictured), whose body was found in Stafford County on July 22, 2006.







Jose Santos Portillo-Chicas Henry Mejivar Two members of the notorious gang MS-13 have been charged in connection with the slaying of a woman found dead in Stafford County on July 22, police said.

The body of Shannah Marie Angeles, 21, of Palatine, Ill., near Chicago was found in the woods off Joshua Road near its intersection with Mountain View Road.

Angeles, who lived in Wisconsin before moving to Illinois, was shot in the head and body with a .38-caliber handgun.

At a press conference yesterday announcing the charges, Sheriff Charles Jett said police believe Angeles was killed simply because the MS-13 suspects believed her to be a member of a rival gang.

Jett said police have not verified that Angeles was, in fact, a gang member.

Jose Santos Portillo-Chicas, 31, was arrested Saturday at a townhouse in Woodbridge, Jett said. The gun used to kill Angeles was also recovered there, Jett said.

Portillo-Chicas, also known as "Little Blue," is being held without bond in the Rappahannock Regional Jail.

Police yesterday were still looking for 17-year-old Henry "Droopy" Mejivar, also a Woodbridge resident. Jett said he is believed to be hiding in the Northern Virginia area.

Both suspects are charged with first-degree murder, abduction by force, willful participation in a criminal act as a member of a street gang, using a firearm in the commission of a felony and committing a felony while acting as a mob. They are also charged with several conspiracy charges.

Jett said the investigation is ongoing and more arrests are possible.

According to Jett, Angeles left Illinois about the middle of last month to visit an acquaintance in the Washington area. She stayed at a motel in Northern Virginia until her funds ran low.

Jett said she then asked for help from a person she had recently met, and that person gave her a temporary home in Alexandria. Jett would not say if the person was a man or a woman.

The person Angeles was staying with introduced her to Portillo-Chicas and Mejivar. After determining her to be a rival gang member, Jett said, the suspects abducted Angeles at gunpoint and drove her to a remote area in northwest Stafford.

Jett said Angeles was then forced into the woods and executed. He said one of the suspects had previously visited the area where the slaying occurred.

Jett would not say what information led lead investigator Joe McDermott to the suspects. But by 1 a.m. Saturday, detectives from the Prince William Police gang unit had tracked Portillo-Chicas to a home in the 2700 block of Brier Pond Circle in Woodbridge.

Stafford detectives were contacted and placed Portillo-Chicas under arrest.

"Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Ms. Angeles," Jett said. "We hope that the progress we've made in this case will help bring them some peace and reassurance that her killers will be brought to justice."

Jett credited federal authorities and other local police agencies with assisting in the investigation.

MS-13 stands for Mara Salvatrucha. The El Salvadoran street gang started in Los Angeles during the 1980s and has since expanded to the East Coast.

A regional task force was formed in the Fredericksburg area last year to investigate gang, drug and terror-related crime. Members of the task force, which includes detectives from state police, Fredericksburg, King George, Stafford and Spotsylvania counties, say the area has had a gang presence for at least a decade but it hasn't yet become the problem it is in other areas.

However, Jett said, the Angeles slaying is another reminder that "we are not immune to this type of gang activity."

Angeles had two children. Jett said they are currently with their paternal grandmother in Mexico. Much of Angeles' family still lives in Wisconsin.

MS-13 Locally

- August 2009, RRGTF opened joint investigation with FBI regarding MS 13 activity at a Fredericksburg ‘restaurant”.
- Investigation included surveillance, street-level interdiction, informant cultivation, undercover narcotics buys.
- Crimes included cocaine distribution, weapons dealing, extortion, prostitution, rape, assaults.
- November 2009 operation involved Felony warrant executions for Malicious Wounding, Cocaine Distribution, Gang Participation and A&B. FBI and ICE assisted.
- Search warrants were executed, simultaneously, at 1 City home and 1 Spotsylvania home.
- Round-up netted 11 of 14 identified members arrested, deported or charged (arrests pending).
- Result : TOTAL DISRUPTION of local clique






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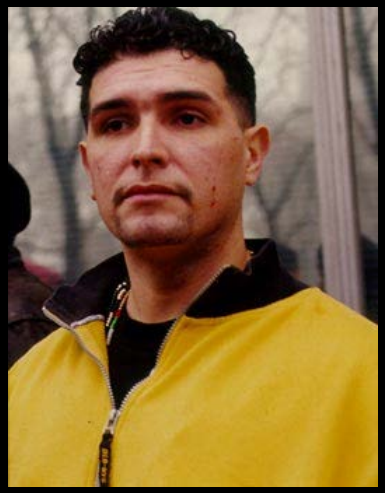
- Colors are primarily gray and black but they are interchangeable to **red** or blue depending on the area
- Members are primarily of Mexican decent
- Rivals include Bloods, MS13, SUR13



Latin Kings



Overview



- Started in Chicago, 1940s
- Colors: Black and Gold
- ADR, 1-4-18 = Amor De Rey: Love for the King
- One of the first gangs to allow female members called Queens (ALKQN)
- Famous Member: Antonio “King Tone” Fernandez (Inca and King Crown of the NY and NJ sectors and was sentenced in 1995 to 13 years in prison for heroin distribution). King Tone has since been released and is now residing in Woodbridge, Virginia.
- Align with the Peoples Nation
- New Intel from NOVA indicates Latin Kings are buying large quantities of guns all up and down the east coast (2/2010)

Mexican Mafia
“La Eme”

- Started as a prison gang in the 1950’s
- Formed for protection from other inmates
- Started with 13 original members
- Go by the number 13 which symbolizes “M” for the Mexican Mafia
- Aligns with the Surenos (rivals of the Nortenos who align with the Nuestra Familia

South Side Locos



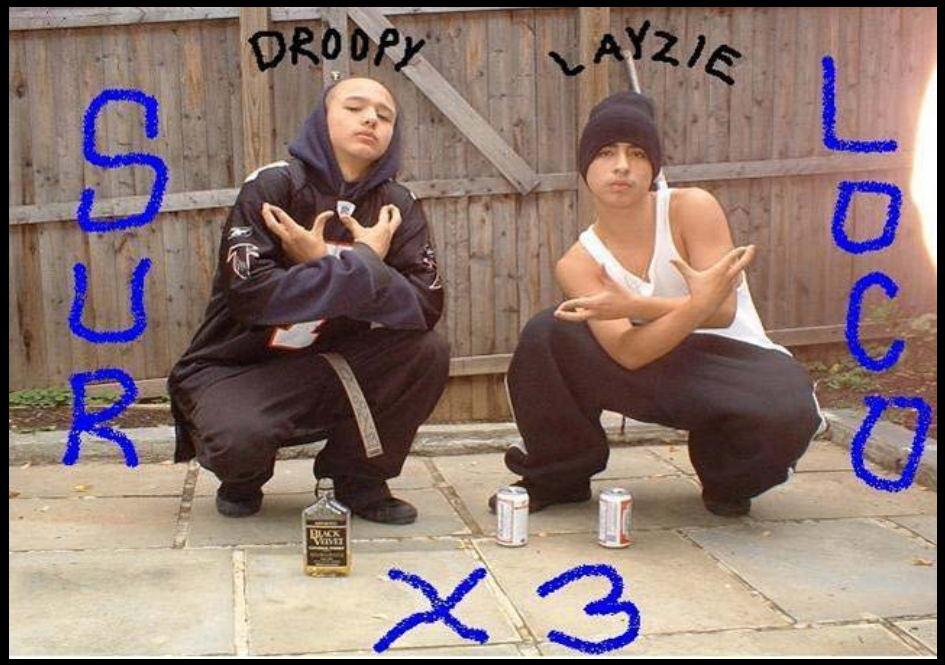
Overview

- Mainly based in Northern Virginia
- Colors are black and grey or blue and grey
- Friendly with Crips, do not like anyone representing red.
- Broken down into cliques

Cliques

– Sur Loco Mondito
– Sur Loco Woodbridge
– South Central Cali
– Manassas Park Locos
– Malientes
– Poros Pero Locos
– Sur Locos Orgniales


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Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs

- Hell's Angels
- Pagans
- Mongols
- Warlocks
- Iron Horsemen
- Thunderguards




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Diablos
Hombres
Los Malos

Warlocks

Sons of Silence

Frequently change alliances

Alliances are dynamic and are subject to change!


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RAIDERS

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Hate Groups:



Hate Groups:
Domestic Terrorism

- ***Domestic Terrorism Defined:***
- The unlawful use, or threatened use of force or violence, committed by an individual or group based or operating in the U.S.
- Against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population or any segment thereof
- In furtherance of political, religious or social objectives

Politically Motivated Racial Supremacists Groups:



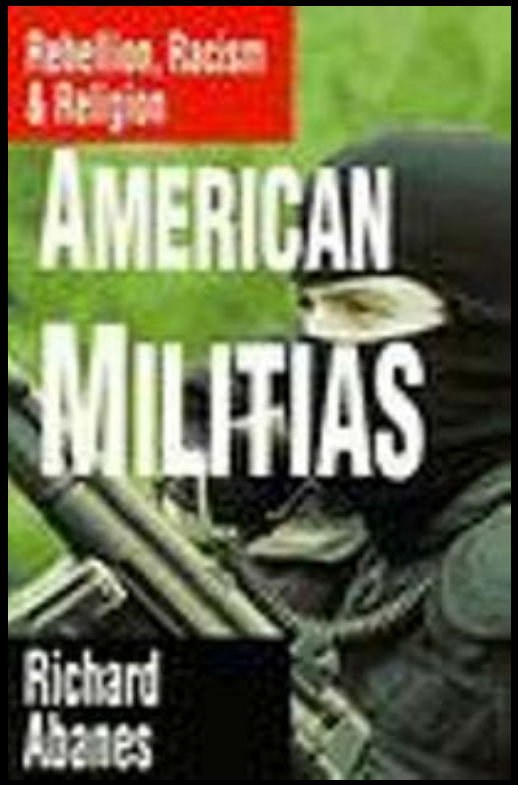
- The National Alliance
- National Socialist Movement Party
- White Aryan Resistance
- Arian Brotherhood
- American Nazi Party
- Volksfront
- National Socialists White People Party
- Skinheads
- New Black Panther Party

Religiously Motivated Racial Supremacists Groups:



- Aryan Nations
- The Order (Silent Brotherhood)
- The Creativity Movement
- Ku Klux Klan
- The Nation of Gods & Earths
- The Christian Identity Movement
- Odinism

Anti-Government Groups:



- Militia Movement
- Sovereign Citizens
- Patriot Groups
- Minutemen Project



Single Issue Terrorist Groups:

- Animal Liberation Front
- Earth Liberation Front









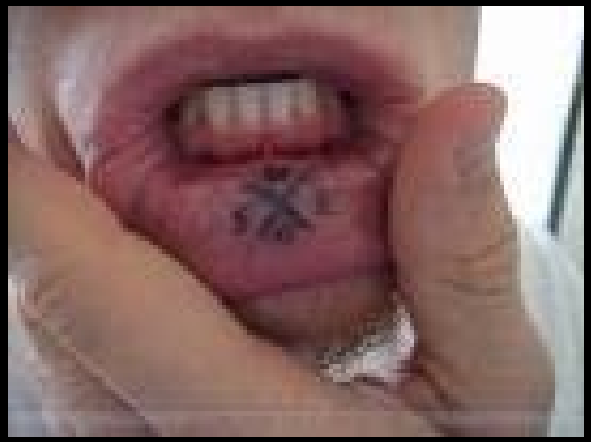


Straight Edge Movement

- Grew out of the punk rock movement
- Rejects drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sexual promiscuity
- Animal rights, vegan diet, environmental awareness, human rights
- Hardcore “angry” music
- Known to act violently against opponents

Straight Edge Symbols











Straight Edge Symbols













Occult Symbols

- Do not confuse the occult with Wicca or other neo-pagan religions.
- We are not concerned with the free practice of religion.
- We are concerned with criminal activity
- Certain occult practices involve criminal activity.

Crime and the Occult

- Vandalism to cemeteries and churches
- Theft of human remains
- Sexual assault
- Animal cruelty
- Child abuse
- Assault
- Murder

Occult Symbols



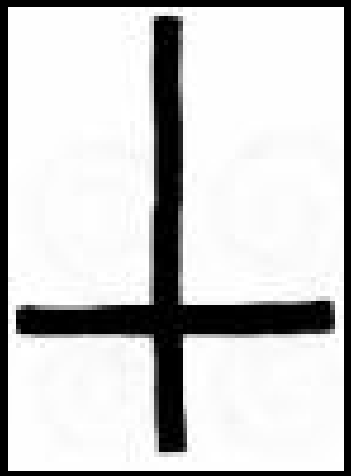


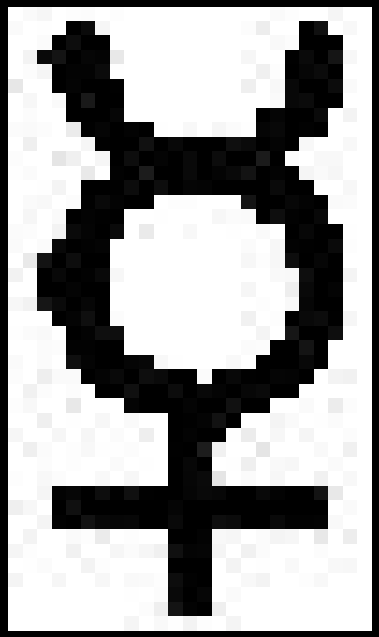






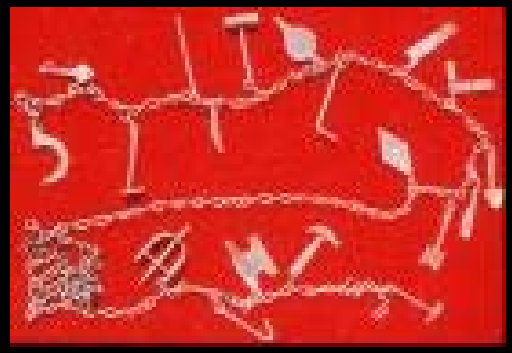
Occult Symbols











Ritual Crime Scenes

- Candles, books, religious articles
- Bones, feathers, blood, dead animals
- Upside down crosses, pentagrams, runes
- “Fantasy Literature” references
- Vampire references
- “Sacrifices” of food or drink

Local / “At Risk” Groups


SSR
SAY SUM'IN RECORDS

RDLS

- Claims area of Ross Drive and Lucas Street
- Uses number 49
- Approximately 45 members and associates at their peak
- Uses drug distribution as method of financing gang activity
- Many members that lead the gang were arrested on federal charges but have release dates between 2009 and 2013.


RDLS

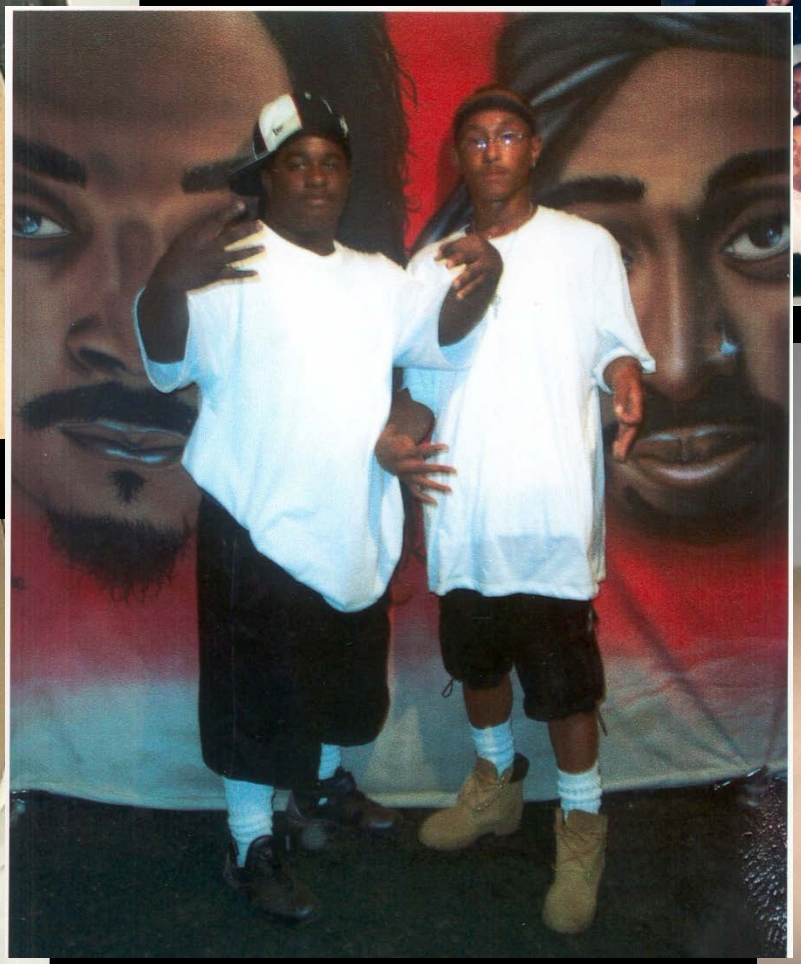

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55 Mob

Overview



- Started in Northern Virginia
- Uses the number 5
- Said to possibly have Blood alliances
- Have a long running beef with groups from this region
- Are said to have members all over Virginia







55 MOB / WT

- Recent intel has developed that 55 is branched and now includes a younger generation from the Williamstown neighborhood of Dumfries.
- WT has been linked to assaults and planned shootings in Fredericksburg as recently as November 2010.

Pound Property

History

- Pound Property is responsible for the murders of two of their own members;
  - David Payton (killed over a dice game by members of his own Pound Property set)
  - Cleveland “Juk Juk” Smith (killed over drug debt and women).
- Pound Property members are responsible for other shootings and homicides:
  - Brandon Smith – 1 homicide conviction, pending trial on 2nd (City cases).
  - Dewayne West – served 3 years in on Manslaughter plea (multiple shooters)







S.O.D.B

STRAIGHT OFF DA BLOCK RECORDS



Handsigns

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- Pound Property



Tattoo’s and Other Markings











GOON SQUAD

- Goes by Goon Squad and “Goonies”
- Latino and Black male membership
- “Crash” parties and fight non-gang members
- Members previously claimed Crip, SUR-13 affiliation



YMB (Young Money Boys)

- Local / Regional Group
- 25-13-2 = YMB
- Colors Green and Black (Riverbend HS)





Generic Gang Identifiers

- Graffiti
- Tattoos
- Language
- Hand Signs
- Colors
- Customs







Graffiti

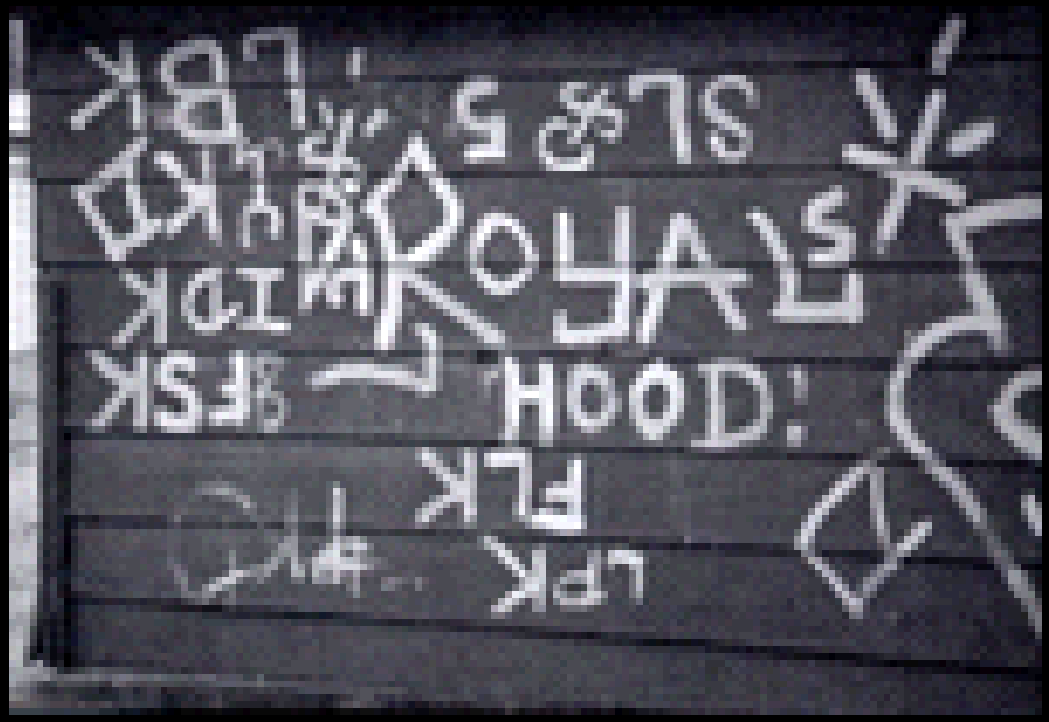
Graffiti serves several purposes:

- Promote the gang
- Claim territory
- Communicate with other gang members
- Disrespect rival gangs

NOT ALL GRAFFITI IS GANG RELATED. IN FACT, ONLY 20% OF ALL AREA GRAFFITI CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO GANGS.

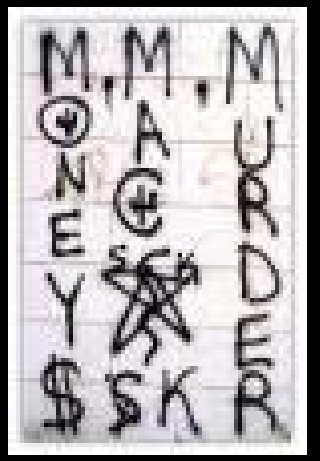
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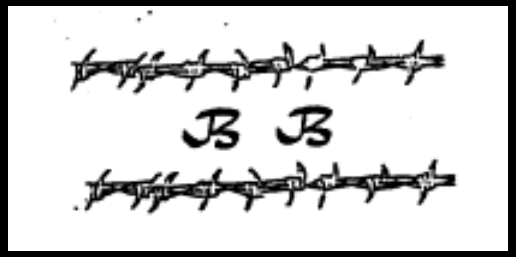












Tagger Graffiti







Tattoos

- Tattoos and branding are popular with gangs because they are painful and permanent.
- They serve as a personal record of one's membership, rank, dedication, and experiences with the gang.
- They can't be taken away, even in prison


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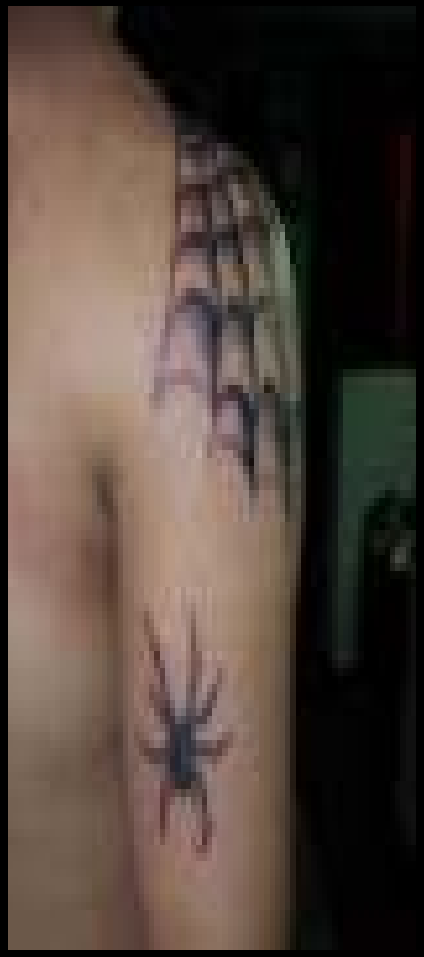


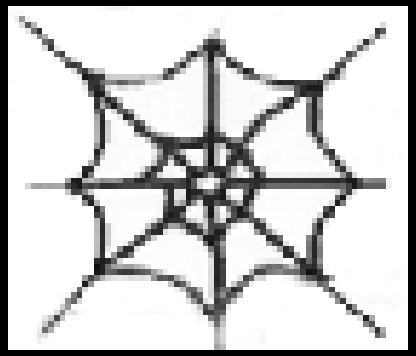


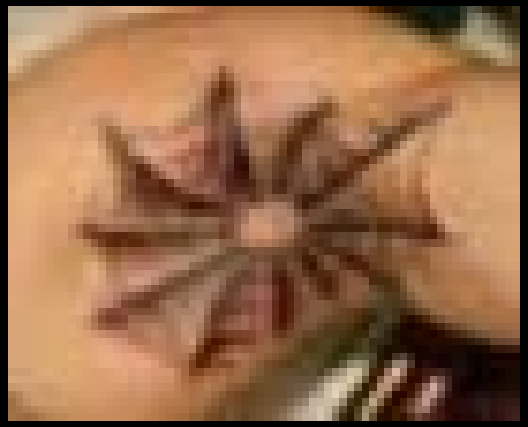


Spider Webs



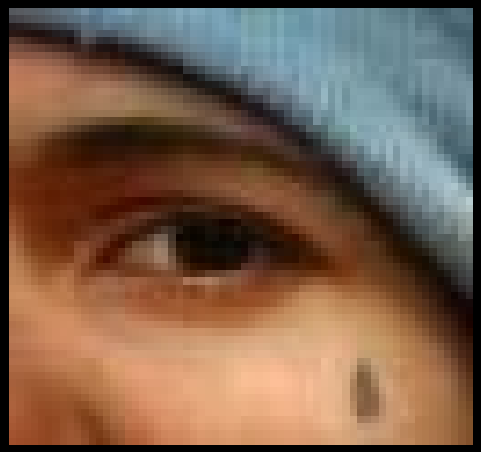








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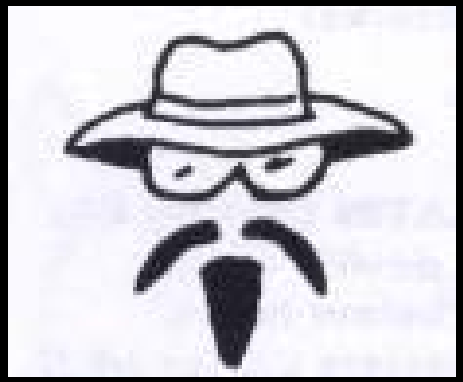


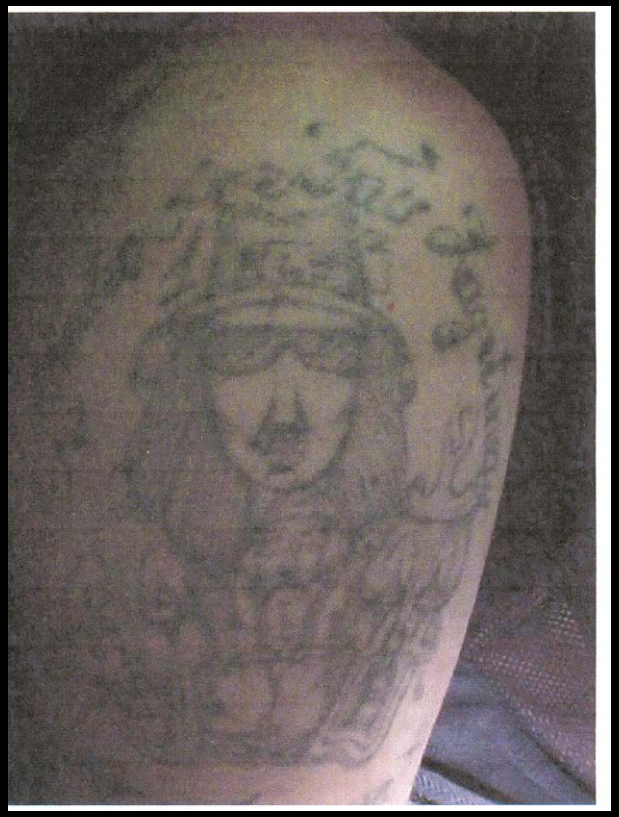




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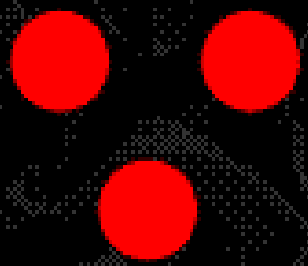
Language

- Gangs use extensive slang
- Some will go as far as excluding certain letters from the alphabet
- Writings are commonly done in code
- All spoken languages are fluid and constantly change
- Slang is even more likely to change

UBN Dog Paw Variations



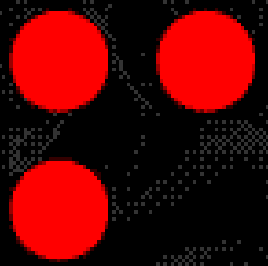
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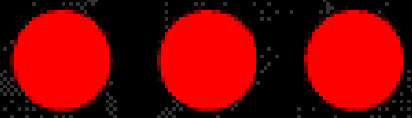
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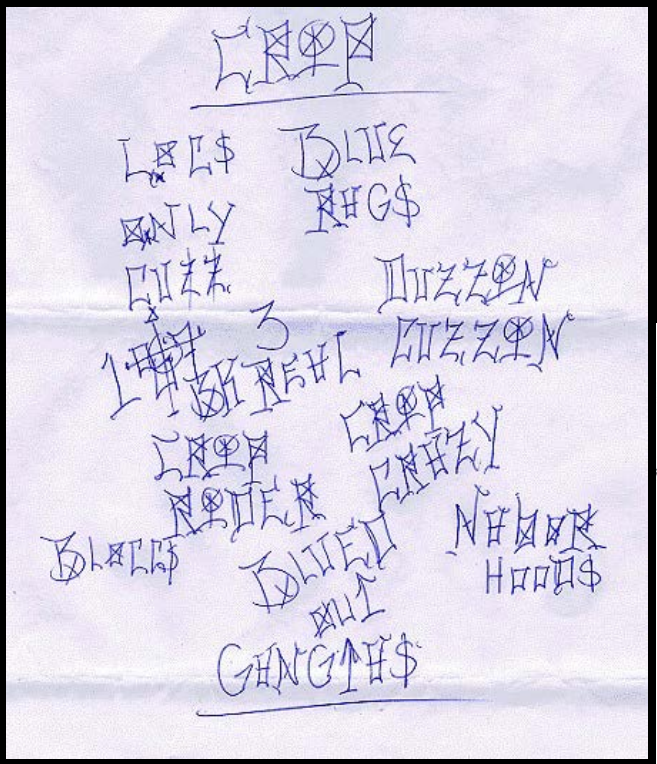


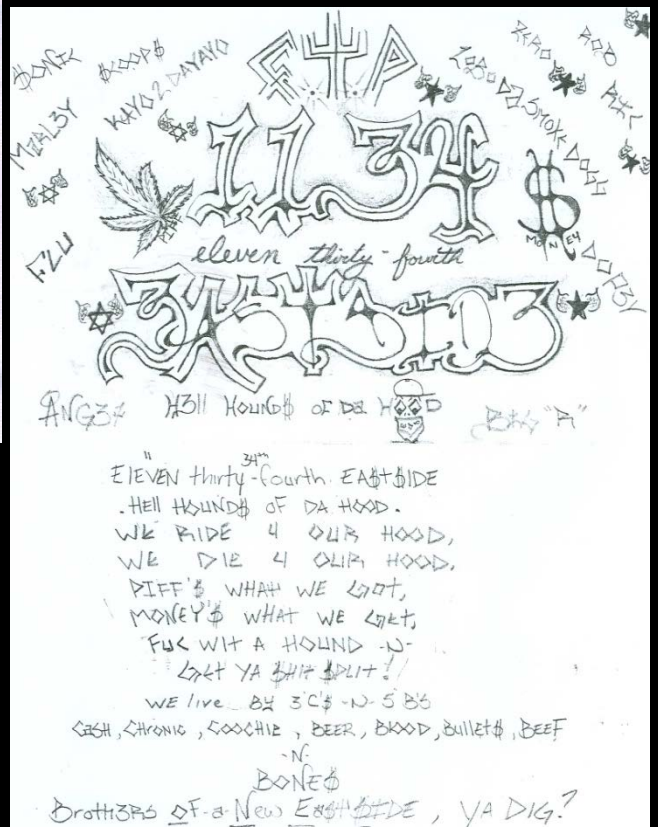
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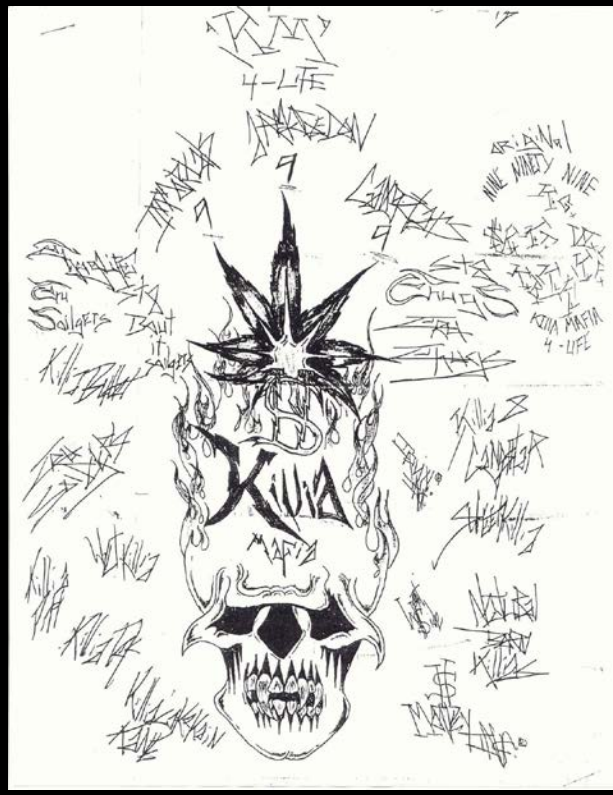


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Roll Call, Knowledge







Hand Signs

Hand signs serve several purposes:

- **Promote the gang**
- **Insult rivals**
- **Non-verbal communication**
- **“Stacking”**



Colors

- **“Colors” refer to an article of clothing or accessory that represents one’s membership in a gang.**
- **Bandanas were commonly used because they were the only accessory allowed in prison.**
- **Many gangs have adopted more subtle “colors” to avoid attention from the police.**

Colors

- **“Colors” can refer to the actual color of the item,**
- **or to the style, manufacturer, or manner in which the item is worn.**
- **To “drop” the colors is to betray the gang.**
- **Colors are the *least reliable indicator* of gang affiliation.**

Items commonly used as "colors"

- **Bandanas**: color
- **Beads**: color pattern
- **Ball caps**: team, color, style, tilt
- **Sports jerseys**: team, color, number
- **Footwear**: brand, colored laces
- **Pants**: style, cuff rolled
- **Jewelry**: letters, numbers, brand




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Customs

- Initiation: “blood in – blood out”
- Jump in
- Sex in
- Bless in
- Dues
- Structure
- “Respect”



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Law Enforcement Approach to Gangs

R.I.D.

- **Recognize**: educate law enforcement and the community to recognize and report suspected gang activity
- **Identify**: dedicate law enforcement resources to investigate gang activity
- **Disrupt**: adopt laws that specifically address gang activity
- All of these things are being done

RECORDING GRAFFITI

- Graffiti on school grounds should be handled with the four R's:
- **Recognize** it as possible gang involved
- **Record** it with a photograph or photocopy
- **Report** it
- **Remove** it as soon as possible (encourage the property owner)
- If graffiti is allowed to remain in place it is an invitation for more graffiti.

Resources

- Use resources such as:
  - Gang Detectives (and FORMER gang detectives)
  - VA Fusion Center
  - Information disseminated by other local agencies including the FBI
  - Computers (myspace.com, facebook.com, etc.)





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VFC Intelligence Bulletin #08-48: Hispanic Gang Slang Terminology

The Virginia Fusion Center has compiled a list of Hispanic gang slang terms, some of which do not have similar literal meanings in the proper Spanish language. While some gang members speak Spanish exclusively, the actual conversation often resembles a mixture of English terms and Spanish slang. Generally, the mixture of Spanish to English depends on the gang alliance, with Sureno gangs using more Spanish and Norteno gangs using more English.

- **Aguila**: Be alert (literally Eagle)
- **Aliviane**: Help
- **Aguas**: Take care; when used in law enforcement context, Cops around
- **Ay Wey**: Oh shit
- **BP**: Brown Pride
- **Baile**: Fight (literally Dance)
- **Bandera**: Gang Colors (literally Flag)
- **Baro**: Cash
- **Barrio/Varrio**: Neighborhood
- **Beating in/Courting in**: Fighting a group of gang members for a given number of seconds as part of initiation
- **Borracho**: A Drunk
- **Bolillo**: Derogatory term for "white guy" (literally a dinner roll- white bread)
- **Bomba**: Old School Lowrider Car
- **Bote'**: Jail
- **Bronca**: Trouble
- **Cabuliar**: Meaningless conversation
- **Califas**: California
- **Carnal/Carnala**: Homeboy/Homegirl (literally cousin)

Interview Techniques

- Talk in a respectful manner (“man-to-man”)
- Do not disrespect the persons gang or colors
- DO NOT “talk their language”…you will probably sound stupid…avoid terms like “flag,” “homie,” “ese,” etc.
- Try to remember things the subject tells you; **writing may hold a person back from speaking to you**
- Attend various interview courses

OFFICER SAFETY

- USE CONTACT, COVER, COVER METHOD WHEN ABLE (no, not a typo)
- BE MINDFUL OF CONSENTUAL ENCOUNTERS AND TERRY STOPS
- ALSO BE MINDFUL OF HANDSIGNS

OFFICER SAFETY CONTINUED

- PAT DOWNS, GOOD SEARCHES
- GET SUBJECTS AWAY FROM VEHICLES, BUSHES, AND ANY PLACE THAT A WEAPON MAY BE HIDDEN.
- TO THEM WE ARE AN ENEMY

OFFICER SAFETY

- TRAIN AS YOU FIGHT, FIGHT AS YOU TRAIN
- BE PROFICIENT WITH ALL ISSUED EQUIPMENT
- SPEED,SURPRISE, AND VIOLENCE OF ACTION

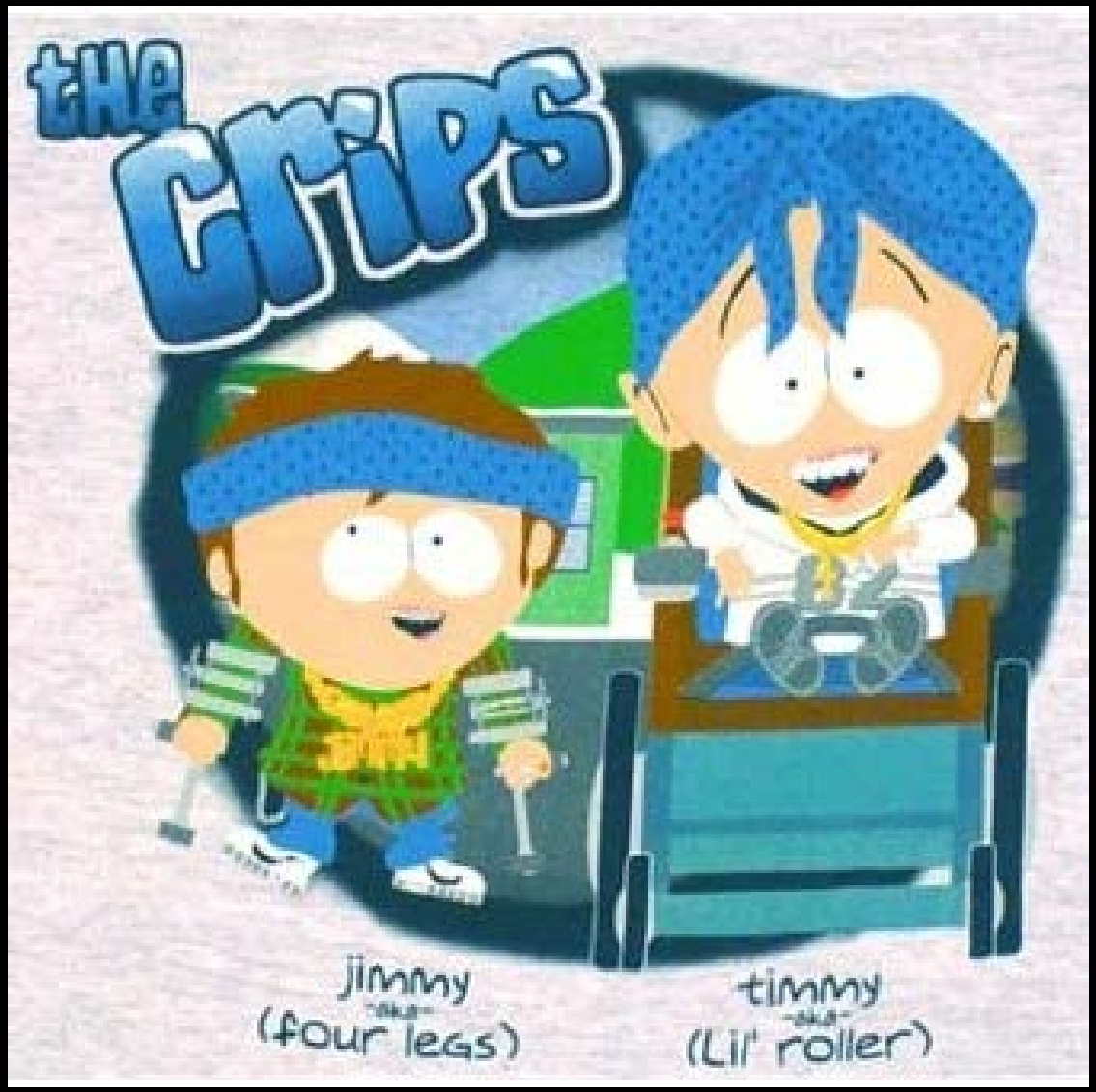
Recent Trends

- Members are not openly admitting their affiliation
- Members are not marking themselves with tattoo’s, etc.
- Groups are frequently changing alliances
- Groups are frequently changing their names and practices
- Groups are claiming that they are a religious group or other faction, ie. go-go band
- Traditionally rival groups are merging together
- Meetings are being held in parks and hotels

NOW THAT YOU KNOW…
ARE THEY?






the crips
jimmy
(four legs)
timmy
(Lil' roller)

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