




Gang Awareness and Recognition

Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice

Successful Youth
Strong Families
Safe Communities




“We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends.”



From the Last Will and Testament of Mary McLeod Bethune (1875 – 1955)

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Gang Mentality

- Rebellion
- Frustration
- Curiosity
- Acceptance
- Belonging (fear)
- Power & respect
- Pride

FEAR

What age group also has this mentality?


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Today's Presentation

- **In many communities, juvenile gang-like behavior is growing, while identified gang affiliations are falling.**
- **Juveniles are acting more as unnamed groups; as opposed to structured ideological gangs.**
- **They are committing violent acts, but not under an identified gang name or identifier.**


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Today's Presentation

- **The juvenile group structure is growing for the following reasons:**
 - **Denial or lack of knowledge by communities**
 - Still identifying gang behavior, based on 1990's gangs knowledge
 - **Hybrid Gangs**
 - Youth have started identifying as singular gangs, but with multiple gang symbologies.
 - Primarily local or neighborhood based
 - May have a national gang influence, but no affiliation
 - Ex. - May use the color red, but are not affiliated with any known national gang
 - This includes blends of rivals into one group.
 - **Group or mob mentality increasing**

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Youth Gang Changes

- **As localities start to admit that they have gangs, the youth have changed what gangs look like.**

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Everything Old Shall Be New Again!!!



- Many localities have been in denial about gang growth in their communities!
- They would say....
- "We do not have gangs in our community! We do have loosely formed groups of youth, who happen to commit violent acts!"

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Youth Adapting



- When the youth gangs realized that by being identified as a gang member would give them an enhanced criminal charge, they started dropping their identifiers.
- Except in large urban areas that have established national and trans-national gang communities, many have changed their identities to the area where they come from.

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Youth Gang Changes



- They still commit gang-like crimes, but don't identify the groups they commit the crimes for.
- They are leaving national models and are becoming more independent and community-based
- Gangs with members who have spent time in DOC may retain national affiliation(s).
- They may continue to use national colors, models, and rules.

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Youth Gang Identity



- Juvenile gang members are seeking their own identities.
- Because of this, when they do identify as a gang, they may use gang identifiers that come from different gangs...
 - Even those that have historically been rivals!

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Fast Forward to Now



- The previous 5 slides are two years old, and some of it is outdated or has changed!
- Much of it still applies, but in some communities, youth are shunning attachment to a gang name, and acting as nameless groups.
- About 5-6 years ago, juvenile gangs changed how they present and identify themselves.
- This is not seen in all communities, but is trending upward.

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Why the changes?




- Many have learned what the law is that defines what a Criminal Street Gang is (§18.2-46.1) and don't use an identifier.
 - They still commit gang-like crimes, but minimize wearing any identifiable color or symbol.
- Because of the COVID 19 quarantine, many have relied on social media for interaction with their peers and/or rivals.
 - They are also being influenced more by social media sites promoting violence.

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COVA-DJJ Gang Mapping



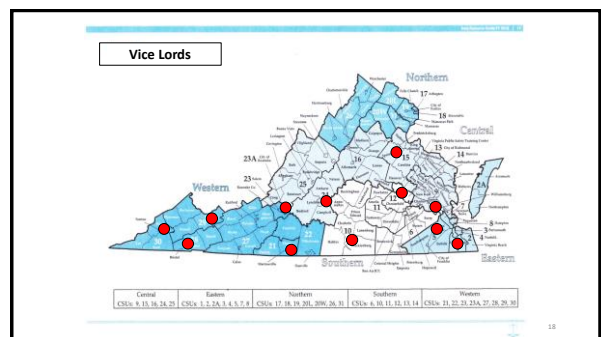
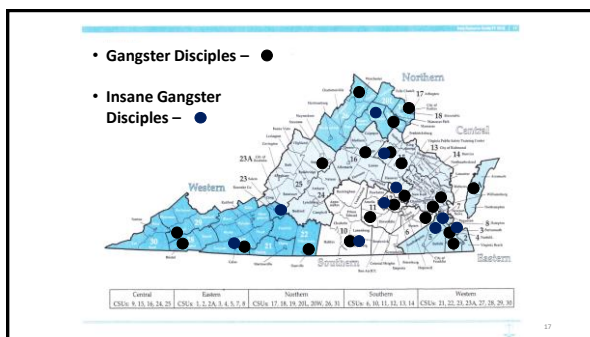
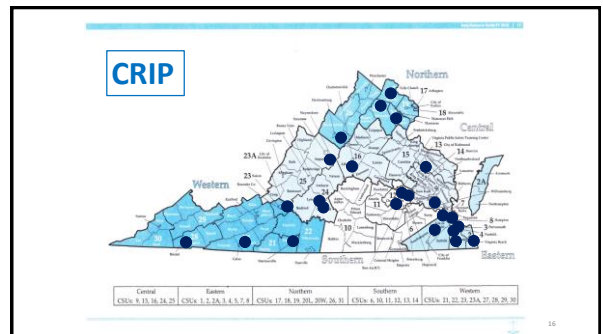
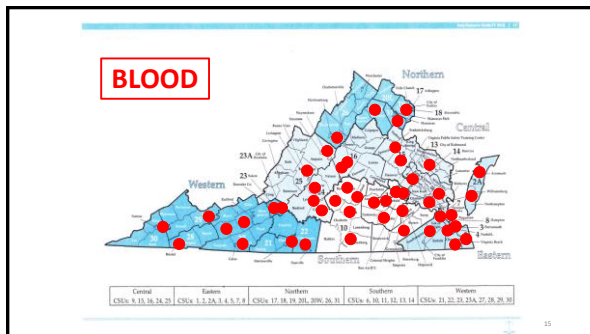
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Primary Philosophical Gang Influences in Virginia

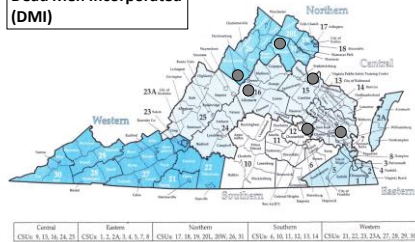


- **Crip**
 - Created in Los Angeles in 1969
- **West Coast Bloods**
 - Also known as the Original Blood Family (OBF)
 - Created in Los Angeles in 1972
- **East Coast Bloods**
 - Also known as the United Blood Nation (UBN)
 - Created in Rikers Island, New York in 1993
 - **Most identified philosophy in Virginia**
- **Mara Salvatrucha**
 - (MS aka MS13)
 - Created in Los Angeles in the 1980's
 - Primarily in Northern Virginia, but spreading to all parts of the Commonwealth

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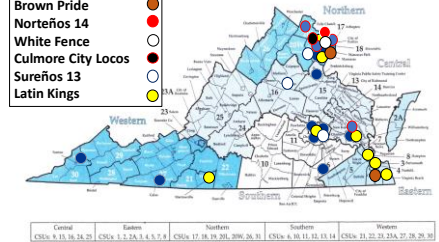


Dead Men Incorporated (DMI)



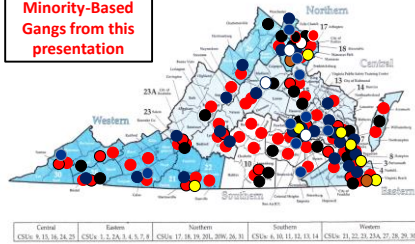
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MS 13 18TH St. Brown Pride Norteños 14 White Fence Culmore City Locos Sureños 13 Latin Kings



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Minority-Based Gangs from this presentation



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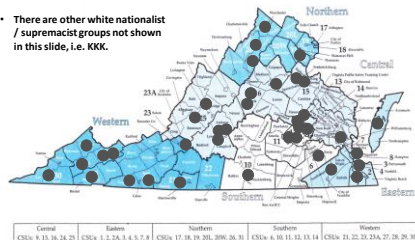
Aryan Group Names by Locality

- Aryan Brotherhood – 20 Localities
- Aryan Nation – 5 localities
- Aryan Nation of Va. 23rd Chapter – 4 Localities
- Aryan Brotherhood: Brotherhood Forever – 3 Localities
- Aryan Warriors – 3 Localities
- Aryan Brotherhood of Texas – 2 Localities
- Aryan Circle – 2 Localities
- Aryan Warriors of Va. – 1 Locality

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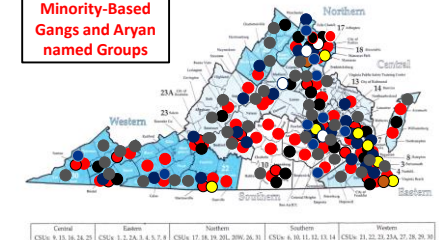
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- Aryan-Based Groups by name
- There are other white nationalist / supremacist groups not shown in this slide, i.e. KKK.



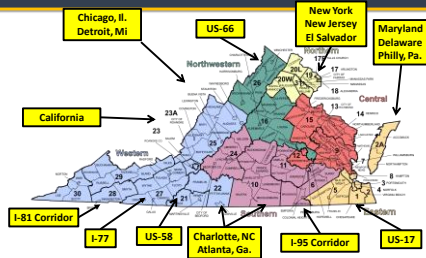
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Minority-Based Gangs and Aryan named Groups



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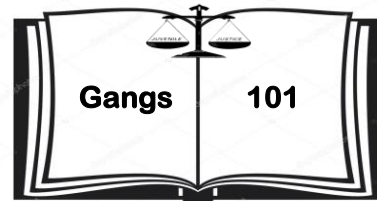
Geographic Influences and Routes



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Gang Laws and Related Codes



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§18.2-46.1 – “Criminal Street Gang”

Criminal Street Gang - means any ongoing organization, association, or group of **three or more persons**, whether formal or informal,

- (i) One of its primary objectives or activities is the commission of one or more criminal activities;
- (ii) which has an identifiable name or identifying sign or symbol; and
- (iii) 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.

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Is it Illegal to be a gang member?



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§18.2-46.2 - Prohibited Participation

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.

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/she shall be guilty of a class 4 felony.

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Migration of Gangs

- Effective Policing
 - Multiplying by Dividing
 - Hybrid
- Ambition for Power
- New Drug Market
 - Opportunity for Criminal Enterprise
- Employment
- Probation / Parole
- Quality of Life
- Protection Programs
- Military Transfer
- Divorce



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Female Gangs

- Increasing in population
- Just as dangerous as males
- Many are victims of Sex-trafficking and or sexual abuse
- They are mostly used by the gang to lure victims or rivals



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Auxiliary / Support Groups

- Auxiliary / Support Groups are groups who affiliate with established Criminal Street Gangs
- They are gangs themselves, but affiliate with larger, more dominant gangs.
- They usually operate within the territory of the larger group.



Double ii Bloods

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Hybrid Gangs

- Hybrid Gangs are groups that are not restricted to a specific race, gender or sexual preference.
- They are usually developed because of a common location, such as:
 - Neighborhood
 - School
- Hybrid gangs may also affiliate or associate with traditional rival gangs



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Classification of Gangs

- Street
 - Community Based
- Prison
 - Department of Corrections
- Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMG)
 - Motorcycle clubs that commit criminal acts
- Hate Groups
 - Groups based on bias against another group
- Cult Groups
 - Religious based groups



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Gang Levels


- Gangs are placed in levels according to their geography and areas of influence:
 - Local
 - Community-based
 - Regional
 - Mostly based on area code
 - National
 - Recognized gangs across state lines
 - International
 - Recognized across international lines
 - Cartel
 - Any criminal organization with the intention of supplying drug trafficking operations.

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Gang Symbols / Tattoos

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Not Gang (?) - Tattoo


- 211 is also seen as 2 – 11 or BK to gang members
- BK stands for Blood Killa
- It is derogatory to Bloods.




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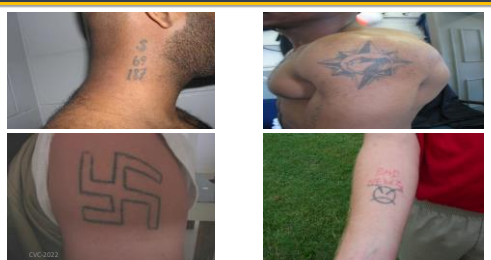
Not Gang (?) - Tattoo



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Gang Tattoo (?)



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Spanish Graffiti in Bon Air

- Ver Oir y Callar
 - See, Hear, Be Silent




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Ver, Oir, y Callar


- Hear No Evil
- Speak No Evil
- See No Evil



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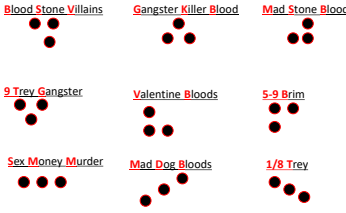


Dog Paws



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UBN BLOOD SETS



Blood Stone Villains

Gangster Killer Blood

Mad Stone Blood

9 Trey Gangster

Valentine Bloods

5-9 Brim

Sex Money Murder


Mad Dog Bloods

1/8 Trey

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Aztec/Mayan Numerology

- Some gangs use symbols that we see in everyday life
- For example, this symbol is the Aztec/Mayan #13
 - Each dot has a value of one
 - Each bar has a value of 5
- It is similar to the symbol in the Washington, DC license plate.
 - The symbol comes from President George Washington's Coat of Arms



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Hispanic Gangs use of Ancient Symbols


- Gangs are adapting to Law Enforcements recognition of their traditional symbols
- They are educating themselves in any culture that mirrors theirs
- MS-13 uses their ancestral culture - Aztec/Maya

Aztec / Mayan Numbers				
0	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19

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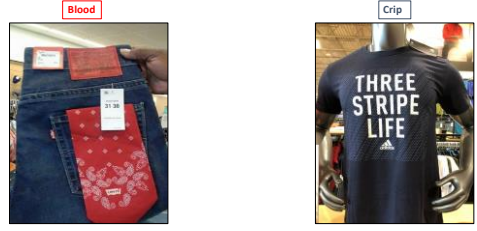
Hispanic Symbols

- Music Notes:**
 - MS
 - Three tied eighth notes look like an M
 - Single eighth note looks like an S
 - If reversed, they look like a 1 and 3
- Five-point Star tattoo in web of hand**
 - Committed murder for the gang
- Not to be confused with the Blood Star



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Gang Clothing




Blood

Crip

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5.11 Brand

- 5.11 is a legitimate brand name and is worn by many law enforcement officers.
- It is also a preferred brand for hate groups and militias
- This photo is of Proud Boys and several are wearing 5.11 products.
- In white supremacist groups, 511 stands EK - European Kindred



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Social Media Awareness

- Television/Movies/Streaming



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Is Sponge Bob a Gang Symbol?



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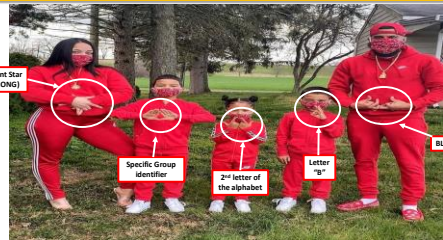
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Family Pressures



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SYMBOLS



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Gang Symbols - Hats

- Boston Red Sox
- Bloods/Brim
- Red letter "B" on top of blue
- Red socks walking on blue



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Gang Symbols - Hats

- **Chicago Bulls**
- **Bloods**
 - "Bloods Usually Live Long & Strong"
- **Mara Salvatrucha**
 - Devil Horns



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Gang Symbols - Hats

- **Clemson Tigers**
- **2019 National College Football Champions**
- **Crips**
- **"C"**



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Gang Symbols - Hats

- **L. A. Dodgers**
- **Mara Salvatrucha**
- **Sureños**
- **Crips**



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Gang Symbols - Hats

- **Oklahoma City**
- **OKC**
- **Not a gang hat, but expresses dislike for law enforcement**
- **"Only Kill Cops" or "Only Kill Corrections"**



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Gang Symbols - Hats

- **University of North Carolina (UNC)**
- **Neighborhood Crips (NC)**



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Gang Symbols - Hats

- **Philadelphia Phillies**
- **Piru Bloods**
- **Red "P" on top of Blue**
- **Disrespect to Crips**



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Crip

- **KC – Kansas City**
 - Was used by Bloods
 - Meant to disrespect Crips
 - Crip Killers
 - Now used by Avenue King Crips (King Crips)
 - Lynn, Massachusetts aka Murder Mass
- **CRIP**
 - Community
 - Revolution
 - In
 - Progress



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Gang Symbols - Cartoon

- **Warner Brothers Logo**
- **Warn-A-Brother**
 - Street level drug sales
- **Ward Boys (Local Gang)**
 - Richmond
 - Jackson Ward



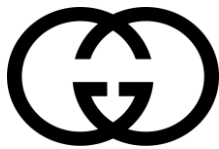
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Multiple Gangs Using Same Symbol

Gucci Symbol

- **Gucci Gang**
 - Lil Pump
- **Glizzy Gang**
 - Shy Glizzy
- **Gwalla Gang**
 - May also be seen as Gwalla Gang ENT.
- **Culmore City Locos**



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- **12 – AB – Aryan Brotherhood**
- **12**
 - Derived from the TV Show Adam-12
- **F/12**
 - Defamatory towards law enforcement
 - Fuck 12
- **Warrior XII**
 - Pro-Police



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White Nationalist/Supremacist



Racism – Not where you think???

Racist graffiti found in bathroom at Deep Run High

The majority of the student population of school is white

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Racist slurs were found inside a bathroom at Deep Run High School in Henrico County last week, according to school officials. The predominantly white school has a history of complaints of racism.

These derogatory words and phrases are unacceptable and counter to the core values of Deep Run High School," Deep Run Principal Brian Fellows wrote in an email to parents, faculty and staff. Monday morning that also described the words as "abhorrent racial and derogatory slurs."

Deep Run High is one of the county's whitest high schools, with 58.4% of the student body being white, according to fall 2020 enrollment data from the Virginia Department of Education.

Compared to Deep Run's white population, 23.9% of students are Asian, 7.2% of students are Black, 5.3% of students are multiracial, and 1.2% of students are Hispanic, according to state data.

In a response to questions on Monday afternoon, a Henrico schools spokesperson provided the following statement: "The graffiti was discovered by a student in a bathroom at school. It did not contain a threat but used racially derogatory language. The school division is investigating and will discipline the person who is responsible in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct; a range of discipline includes the possibility of suspension from school."

In November 2020 a 17-year-old Deep Run student was suspended for protesting racial injustice in virtual learning. Then a senior, Keston Vidoa switched out his face on his virtual learning screen for a picture of a Black man, including students saying the N-word without consequences, performance activities and teachers saying racial comments to students of color.

In response to the latest incident, Fellows wrote in his email that the school administration will work with a school-based equity team, student-led organizations and the Parent Teacher Student Organization to support students in having an open, confident, honest and safe space for our students, faculty and staff who wish to engage in dialogue surrounding this matter," Fellows wrote.

"Henrico, Virginia and our language have no place at Deep Run High School," he wrote. "The school family is better than this."

news@henricoschools.com
Henrico, Virginia

White Supremacy Numerology

88 – The eighth letter of the alphabet is “H”. A doubled eight signifies “HH” or “Heil Hitler”.

311 – The eleventh letter of the alphabet is “K”. Three times eleven = “KKK”.

100% – This is an expression of an individual’s pure Aryan or white roots. It is common among white supremacists.

14 – The 14 words to “Racial Purity” as written by David Lane

- “We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children.”

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White Nationalist Numerology

• **18** – AH – Adolph Hitler

• **23** – 23rd Letter of the alphabet “W”, which stands for White

• **23/16** – W/P – White Power

• **511** – EK – European Kindred

• **9%** – Worlds population that is white



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David Lane - Numerology

• **14** – The 2nd Quote to White Supremacy

- “Because the Beauty of the White Aryan woman must not perish from the earth.”

• **88** – The 88 Precepts to White Supremacy

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Under our nose...or is it?

• This vehicle was seen in the

Be Careful!!!

Do not label someone, or something,
unless you have verified your
information!

There may be another meaning!

Lamia

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Recap & Questions



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