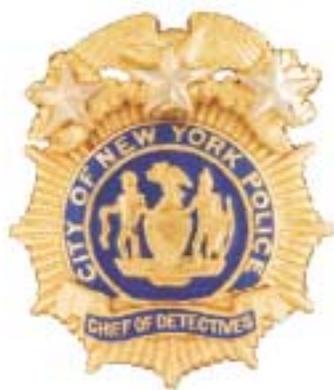


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introduction

Gangs are a prevalent source of potential criminality in the New York City area today. The New York City Police Department's purpose in producing this gang book is primarily to assist our patrol officers and other law enforcement officials in the identification of gang members and their potential for criminality. It is important for officers to be able to recognize gang member characteristics, as the gang population has committed numerous violent crimes against each other and innocent victims in recent years. Officers knowledgeable in areas of gang identification can not only prevent and combat crime, but will also be able to protect themselves as well as other officers and citizens.

This book is a compilation of various gang intelligence information from various sources including detective and police officer files, primarily confiscated from arrested and/or incarcerated individual gang notes and drawings. Additional material was obtained from other law enforcement agencies' publications and presentations used for internal officer training, as well as from various other gang publications and internet sources.

Six major New York City gangs are presented in this book: the Bloods, the Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation, the Netas, the Crips, Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13), and the Mexican Gangs. Sections within this book include the origin and history of the gang, its structure, rules and regulations, oaths and pledges, symbols and emblems, coded language and hand signals, clothing, tattoos and graffiti. It is our hope that an officer's knowledge of gang characteristics will assist in combating gang-motivated crimes and reduce the propensity for violence towards the law enforcement community and innocent citizens.



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BLOODS





BLOODS

Origin

Contrary to popular belief, the Bloods gang have been circulating throughout the country for the past twenty-five years. The gang was actually created in the early 1970's in Los Angeles to compete with a rival gang called the "Avenue Boys", which was active in the Los Angeles area for several years. Eventually, the name was changed to the "Avenue Crips". By early 1972, the name "Crib" was gradually phased out and substituted with "Crip".

Subsequently, the formation of the Crips gang is historically important to the creation of the Bloods. Ironically, the Bloods were an offshoot from their now rival gang, the Crips. By 1971, many Crips gangs had merged with other Crips' sets and had expanded their gang culture and ideology throughout the Los Angeles area. Many gangs began to populate the Los Angeles area; several of these gangs eventually becoming part of the original Bloods family. The Piru Street Boys in Compton, the Bishops, Athens Park Boys and the Denver Lanes were originally associated with the Crips prior to 1972. Interestingly, they were temporarily known as the Piru Street Crips and also wore the traditional blue bandannas as part of their attire.

In 1972, the Crips from Compton, and the Pirus had a conflict, which resulted in a rumble. The Pirus were out-numbered, and the Crips won the battle. The Pirus wanted to terminate peaceful relations with the Crips and had turned to another gang for back up. The gangs then called a meeting on Piru Street. The Crips had murdered a L.A. Brim member earlier that year, so the Pirus asked the Brims to attend the meeting along with the Denver Lanes and the Bishops.

At the gang meeting, the gangs discussed how to combat Crips intimidation, as well as the creation of a new alliance to counter the Crips. Hence, the group created a united organization, which eventually

became known as the Bloods. The Pirus, Brims, Athens Park Boys and other groups who had been threatened or attacked by the Crips, joined the Bloods, thus the formation of the United Blood Nation.

History in NYC

In July 1993, the Bloods surfaced in section C-73 at the NYC Department of Correction facility on Riker's Island. The Bloods' godfather was able to unite African-American prisoners to compete with the Hispanic gangs, such as Latin Kings and the Netas, who were more organized and better equipped to dominate the inmate infrastructure.

The godfather, O.G. Mack, is believed to have spent time on the West Coast, where he became a member of the West Coast Miller Gangsta Bloods. The ideology he imported caught on quickly, spread to the streets, and eventually developed into the formation of the various Bloods subsets, such as Nine Trey Gangstas; 183 Gangstas; Sex, Money, Murder, etc. (see page 4 for detailed information on the Bloods subsets). While the East Coast Bloods are based on the ideology of the West Coast Bloods, the leaders do not appear to have any contact with each other. The West Coast Bloods consider themselves superior to East Coast Bloods, due in large part, to newspaper coverage of the East Coast Bloods victimizing "Neutrals" (those individuals not involved in gang warfare).



Gang Structure

The Bloods believe in fighting for the gang's principles at all times. No Blood gang member is better than the next. Each Blood is a soldier, "putting in work" (fighting), maintaining the superiority of all Bloods over their enemies. Their organizational structure is conducive to the gang's ideology, although their command structure is constantly changing and has several different variations. The following numbers are gang codes used to represent each specific rank.

101 First Superior: He is the leader, the disciplinary officer. His function is to oversee the set.

102 Second Superior: Provides strategies and information to the 1st superior and carries out his duties in his absence.

103 Minister of Information: Provides weapons and discipline to all members of the set.

106 Commanding Officer (Captain): Dictates orders to all Lieutenants.

108 Head Lieutenant: Assists and advises the Captain, carrying out the Captain's duties in his absence.

109 Lieutenant: Ensures that the principal soldiers carry out orders as issued by the Captain.

110 Principal Soldier: Complies with orders from the Lieutenants, keeps fighting the enemy ("banging") at all times.

Original Gangstas - O.G.: Highest rank of the nation. Responsible for the making of the rules and appointing superiors. Rank can be held by more than one person, usually the originating set member.

Superior: The leader of one of the subsets.

Gangsta Blood: Witnessed by a superior committing a violent crime (e.g.

stabblings or slashings).

Young Blood: New members.

Currently, the Bloods are attempting to reorganize their organizational structure, creating yet another hierarchy:

Godfather: The highest ranking member of the nation, held by one member, known as "OG Mack."

Original Gangsta: Achieved after completing the first two levels of indoctrination and successfully passing a test on the rules and history conducted by a Top Blood.

The Bloods view themselves as gangsters and have adopted akas' of famous organized crime members such as Al Capone, Frank Nitti and Babyface Nelson.

Blood In...

The following material was confiscated by the New York City Department of Corrections from an actual incarcerated Bloods member. These questions are apparently asked by the First Superior to a prospective gang member.

1. *So you would like to be a Blood?*
2. *Do you know that being a Blood is truly special and respected?*
3. *Do you know that the Bloods are a well-known organization all over the world?*
4. *Are you willing to obey and carry out rules and regulations?*
5. *Are you willing to respect your Commanding Officer?*
6. *Are you willing to respect your fellow Bloods?*
7. *Do you know that being a Blood comes before anything or anyone (except your mother, father, brother, sister or your kids)?*
8. *Are you willing to give your life for a Blood?*
9. *Do you know that once you are a Blood there is no turning back (BLOOD IN AND BLOOD OUT)?*



NYC Blood Sets

Each set follows the basic organizational gang structure with each individual member identified for each position. Individuals attempt to form new sets in order to dominate Blood leadership in the city. Many different subsets of the gang exist in the city, using various names, initials and aliases:

- **United Blood Nation**
(aka All In Together Y'All)
- **1-8 Trey (183) Gangstas**
(aka Diamond Gee, Donald Gee)
- **Gangsta Miller Bloods**
- **Nine Trey Gangstas (NTG)**
(aka Billy BadAss, M.O.B., Death Valley Gangstaz, Homicide Brims, All in Together)
- **Gangsta Killer Bloods (GKB)**
(aka Julius & Sonny)
- **Sex, Money, Murder (SMM)**
(aka Blazin' Billy)
- **Valentine Bloods (0001VB)**
(aka Tony Starks)
- **5-9 Brims or Hit Brims Squad (HSB)**
- **Blood Stone Villains**
(aka Freaky Tye)
- **Mad Dog Bloods**
(aka Frank Nitti)
- **Mad Stone Bloods**
(aka Two Gun Harry)

Rivalry between NTG & GKB

Although all Blood's sets consider each other family, the superiors are advising the sets to be on the lookout for the GKB ("Gangsta Killer Bloods"). The GKB is jealous that the NTG ("Nine Trey Gangstas") is the largest and most powerful NYC Blood set and are believed to be out to conquer the NTG. Furthermore, NTG is being told that if the GKB presses them, "treat them as E-Rickets (enemies)." Rumor has it that GKB is attempting to reduce the NTG to 31 members. Therefore, the Blood superiors are dictating to NTG members that they must continue to "Blood in" and populate the NTG set in order for them to maintain their dominance.

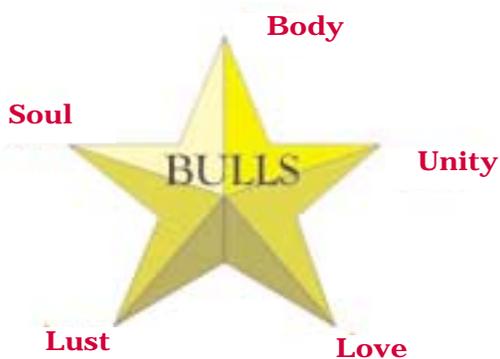
“*When Bloods go against Bloods they become Crabs, because out West only Crabs kill Crabs, and true homies don't flip on each other.***”**



Gang Emblems

The Bloods use certain symbols to identify their gang such as the five-pointed star, the five-pointed crown and the bulldog. The number five refers to the original five Blood sets, known as “Five Alive”:

- Black P Stone
- Bishops
- Brims
- Mad Swan
- Piru



Note: Letters stand for same words as used in five-pointed star.



“**A**s a family we strive for betterment. As we know, to survive in this world you need cash, therefore we do things for cash. We need education. Those who are able to finish school or at least go to school to try to get the education needed for good jobs, do it. This is good because as you know, we populate the jail system with cash and education. We can bail our homies out and obtain lawyers to defend us. WE MUST DO FOR ONE ANOTHER!”

The Pledge

To control Blood membership, certain time frames were designated as to when an individual can “pledge” Blood. A pledge can only become a member on the 31st day of any given month except May. The month of May was possibly omitted to challenge an individual claiming to be a Blood (a fake). If prompted by a superior, each member must state when he became a Blood, citing the month, day and year.

The Oath

Each pledge must swear the oath with a red flag in their right hand.

“



I pledge allegiance to our flag and to the United Bloods of this chapter. To hear for what we stand for, one set under Blood oath and for each Blood to carry the burden of the next Blood.”

The Bloods’ agility in slashing attacks exemplifies their expertise in the use of razors. On NYC streets, they carry razor blades in their pockets, and in the jails they have mastered the technique of carrying razors in their anus and mouths. Recently, the Bloods have adopted a new blade of choice, a scalpel.





General Gang Rules

Listed below are general gang rules that every Bloods gang member throughout the country must follow and obey.

1. **Blood In**
2. **Voted by committee**
3. **Jumped in (31 seconds)** (slashing or beating someone in this specific amount of time)
4. **Put in Work** (slashing or beating someone)
5. **No Snitches**
6. **Never talk about another Blood when he's not present**
7. **Never talk over the phone about Blood affairs which can be used against us in court**
8. **Never talk to anyone other than Bloods about Blood affairs**
9. **Never give out codes to anyone but Bloods**
10. **Never write down anything about Bloods which can be used against us in court**
11. **Never give up a Blood to anyone**
12. **Never disrespect a Blood**
13. **Never let no fool talk down on the nation**

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14. **Always help a Blood in need**

15. **Always keep your dress code up to par**

16. **Always keep your hygiene up to par**

17. **Always read Revolutionary Books**

18. **Learn your history**

19. **Learn the law**

20. **No lying**

21. **No dope sniffing**

22. **No homosexuals**

23. **No fronting** (don't act like you know something when you don't)

24. **No punking out**

25. **No yellow or blue**

26. **Always cross out your C's**

27. **No crack smoking**

28. **Always put a tear drop on "RIP O.G. Tye"**

29. **Always fast on the 31st of the month**

30. **Blood out!** (part of their expression, "Blood in, Blood out")

“We are hated by many, loved by few, respected by all Bloods.”

The Almighty Bloods NYC Rules

The following material was confiscated by the New York City Department of Corrections from an incarcerated Bloods member.

1. No snitchers (rats)
2. No rapists
3. Respect every "G" individually
4. Respect every commanding officer
5. Never argue in front of outcasters
6. Never disrespect a commanding officer's orders
7. Show your colors (flag) or Blood beads so others can know who are his "G's"
8. Show others respect in order to receive that respect
9. Give respect to other organizations so every G can receive respect
10. Never talk to an outcaster about his own Bloods at any moment
11. Never deny your Bloods a plate of food or something to eat
12. Never take your Bloods kindness for weakness at any moment of the day
13. Never refuse a Saturday night meeting unless you are visiting someone in jail, visiting family in the hospital or attending a funeral
14. Always keep up an alert mind when going to court or at any area around you
15. Be responsible for your brother's

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ways and actions and anything that can happen.

16. Never start a conflict unless it's important, because everything you do reflects on each and every Blood if you would put your supreme mind to it

17. Never play with your hands with any Bloods to prevent any misunderstandings

18. No one will be accepted into our organization for protection or for anything drug-related

19. With other religions or another G, you must remember that being Blood is always #1

20. For each Blood that goes home, or goes north, save clothing in your own house or dorms for when a G needs to come in

21. Every house should have a treasury box so whenever any of your Bloods come through you can supply that G with soap, food, shampoo, roll-on, powder or clothes

22. Each Blood must show a state of obedience for others outside our organization and can't judge us be what we are and what we can accomplish

23. Salute your Blood G each and everyday of the year with authority

24. Never disrespect your fellow G by robbing or stealing from him or anyone else around your circumference

25. For every Blood G in our organization he should know we have a security-at-arms and if he needs a Glock, you should never hesitate to ask for protection



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Code Numbers

The Bloods have their own coded language (speaking in numbers and phrases which relate to certain gang terms and actions). This language is an attempt by gang members, upon induction into the gang, to keep the speech between members clandestine, so law enforcement officers are unable to decipher what is actually being said among the members. Although many of these codes pertain to incarcerated Blood members, many are applicable to the street and are important to officer safety, especially those code numbers and words pertaining to weapons. A sampling of these codes is contained in the following pages.

These codes are updated and changed quite frequently based on the whims of gang superiors. Several versions of these spoken codes exist, however, the terminology sampled in this book are from the most common version, "200 Deeps". Some code words are self-explanatory, however, others require some clarification, which are explained in the parentheses.

000 Blood/b-dogs/dawgs

(Blood members are also called "dawgs", a term used to convey the gang's brotherhood.)

001 Ghettos

003 Mad dog

(Staring someone "down".)

007 Know what I mean

009 What's up

012 Lookin'

013 Tear him up

(To slash or shoot someone)

014 Put ya stroll on

(Get ready to fight, slash, shoot, etc.)

015 Let me know/get back to me

025 You sure

031 I got love for you

Blood (the official Blood greeting, the "0" referring to the United Bloods Nation; the "30" referring to the 30 rules, which the Bloods are expected to live by, and the "1" is for "One Love under Blood.")

038 Hold on (wait)

044 Blood, it ain't easy but it sure is fun

(the gang slogan)

050 Stay on point (stay alert)

067 Ghetto star

(neighborhood non-gang member who commands respect from Blood members)

069 Shakedown

(law enforcement search of cell area or street "frisk" of someone)

B L O O D

Code Numbers

- 073 Tear him up Blood**
(slash or attack someone)
- 091 Send a kite**
(send a message, usually pertaining to jail)
- 109 Snitch**
- 117 Put some work in/
work out** (to cut or slash someone,
part of the gang ritual)
- 118 Step to your business**
(Attack)
- 150 He bugged out**
(going crazy or nuts)
- 169 Stay together**
- 175 Check your
surrounding** (watch your back)
- 183 Watch your back**
- 186 Stay on point**
(be on the lookout for your enemy)
- 187 Kill or murder**
- 200 Talk to me in Blood**
- 211 Lay low**
- 220 Play your gate** (when in
a cell, means come to the front of the bars
to talk)
- 225 They comin'**
- 299 Bones** (cigarettes)
- 300 Family**
- 310 You know I'm going
to eat him** (slash, attack a victim, who
is considered "food")

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- 350 Know Blood** (you know?)
- 384 Chicken Head** (female
non-gang member of low importance)
- 400 Down low** (clandestine)
- 448 Gangsta** (refers to any gang
member)
- 555 I need a gatt**
(razor or gun)
- 577 The hood**
(anywhere outside jail)
- 599 Shines** (jewelry)
- 649 I don't know Blood**
- 650 I know Blood**
- 666 Infiltrator** (non-gang
member that's a snitch)
- 821 What's poppin'** (what's
happenin')
- 917 I'm pulling back**
- 1000 Enemy**
- 1010 Stay in touch**
- 1040 Set trippin'**
(something is happening)
- 1150 I'm dead**
- 1500 NYC**
- 1600 Get back to me
Blood**



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Code Numbers

1800 Tell Blood

2100 Speak on it (talk)

1st avenue Sunday

2nd avenue Monday

3rd avenue Tuesday

4th avenue Wednesday

5th avenue Thursday

6th avenue Friday

7th avenue Saturday

1-4 Police

1 2 3 - Your in violation
(of Blood rules)

20/20 What's up /
What's poppin'

2-8 - I need a gun

3-9 - Cuff key

1/2 clip - I need a gun

32 cents - Written
message

5 o'clock in the morning
- Be on point for an
ambush

5 on it - I need a gat
(razor or gun)

98 rim - Bloods rule

200 Deep - Speak in codes

Code Words

AK.47 - It's war on site,
there's beef (there's going to be a fight
or slashing)

Always forever - Blood for
life

B-bomb - You know your
my dog (dawg) (buddy)

B-life - He's a liar

B-lock - Blood out

Baller - Drug dealer or
gangster

Baltimore - Getting
familiar

Bedrock/Pistol Grip/Mr.
Grim - It's on, Eat Food

Bells - Cells or dorms

Banging - Fighting

Blood drops - Baby "G"
(juvenile gang member)

Blood rush - Eat food,
make a movie (slash a victim)

Blood stain - Original "G"
or O.G. (Blood member)

Blue flu - I don't trust him
(reference to law enforcement,
however, can be anyone)

Code Words

Bounty Hunter - Bangin'
(Fighting)

Brooklyn - I don't trust

**Brought feds to my spot -
Be faking moves** (pulling out
any type of weapon)

**Brownies Brown Garden
Gloves** (Gloves used by gang members
for fighting, i.e. work gloves or sanitation
gloves that they use while performing
chores in prison)

Burgers - Queens

**C-K-K - Crips & Latin
King Killa**
(referring to their rival gangs)

**Cash Flow - Shines,
Jewelry**

**Check one - Listen to the
enemy**

Close up - I see him

**Courted in - Means of
being accepted** (puttin' in the
work)

D-by - Send that down (when
incarcerated, means pass it down in the cells)

**Dat godfather flow - Real
"G" don't die** (referring to gang
members)

**Desert Storm - Prepare
for war**

Dog catcher - Police

**Doggie Bag - I'm going to
Eat** (Attack)

Death row - N.Y.C.

Dirty Dancin' - It's on

Drippin' - Colors (concept of the
gang brotherhood, "we know what we are")

**Drop top - Did you get
drugs?**

**Dumb dumb - I'm
disarmed**

E-ricket - Enemy

Female - Police

**Flip the clip - Puttin' in
the work**

**G-down - Dressed in Blood
clothing / colors**

**Gangster Paradise -
Queens**

**George Jackson - Angry,
tight**

Ghost town - Bronx

Harlem town - Manhattan

**Harry who - Handcuff
bone** (the key)

Heavy Metal - Gun

**Inglewood - Don't put him
on point** (keep the person in the dark,
don't divulge any information)

Jungle - Brooklyn

K-9 - Police



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Code Words

L.A. - Concrete jungle and the motherland of the nation

Living room - visit (getting a visitor while in a cell)

Lock and load - I will always love you dog

Mac 11 - Murder

Make it hot enough - Prepare for war (a fight)

Manhattan - I trust him Blood

Mr. Window - Murder, death, kill

Nickle bags - 5 Percenters (referring to their rival gang)

N.Y. Love - Dope

Nynex / Sly Fox - Police

One time - Police / cops

O.S.O. - Be on point

Passing the test - When are you going to court?

Pumb-Pumb - I'm disarmed

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Code Words

Queen Bees or Bumble Bee - Disrespectful term used against Latin Kings
(a rival gang)

Red rider - Female Blood

Rollin' 60 - Listen to the e-ricket (the enemy) **speak**

Roscoe / Po Po - Police

Ruff sex 013 - I got to get ready to eat / tear him up

Sad Puppy Dog - I'm ready to fight

Colors (the gang colors or clothes)

Self-destruction - He/she ain't right

Sesame Street/Soledad - It's on, Eat Food (Attack)

Shaolin (referring to a warrior) - **Staten Island** (the borough)

Solom - Muslims

Splish-Splash - Razor

Sunstroke - He's holding shines, get that (jewelry)

Take out order - Enemy

Tanqueray - You hear me

The Blood pressure - Till the death of me

Ticks & Fleas - Police

Too cold - Ice pick (as a weapon)

Triple 5 - Gatt or burner
(gatt is a gun, burner is a prison-made knife)

Triple 3 - It's on

Triple "G" - It's on

Turning out - Is to disrupt violence

U.B.N. - United Blood Nation

Up Top - You hear me dog

Vegetarian - He never ate food (gang member who never cut anyone)

WW2 - It's on, Nothing to talk about

Wall bangin' writing - Writing your set's name on the wall

Washington D.C. - Be on point

West Side Harvard - Derogatory phrase towards anyone who is not Blood

Who flat - Blood out

Whole clip - I got a gun

X-men - NETAS (a rival gang)



Clothing

The Bloods wear red as their primary clothing color, as well as red and black. In times of warfare, they also wear an alternate color scheme of green and brown. The gang also likes to wear red and black team sports apparel and designer name brand clothing articles which connote specific gang messages: jeans or shirts, where the "C" means "Crip" and the "K" means "Killer", and other clothing; where the "F" means "F**k You," and the "B" means "Bloods Up." Furthermore, members like to wear red bandannas on their right wrist or ankle, as well as dangling them from their rear right pants pocket. They also wear red beads around their neck which represent the gang. Recently, gang members have also been selling exclusive gang member t-shirts on the streets, as shown on this page.



FRONT OF T-SHIRT



FRONT OF T-SHIRT



BACK OF T-SHIRT



BACK OF T-SHIRT

“**B**loodin’ ain’t no part time thing. It’s full time. It’s being down when ain’t nobody with you, getting caught and not telling, killing and not caring. Love for your set and hate your enemy.”

Clothing

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Concept of War

The following material was confiscated by the New York City Department of Corrections from an actual incarcerated Bloods member.

1. Always listen before you talk, look before you walk, and observe before you stalk.
2. In war, you must follow the commands of the higher rank, who have been designated as such because they are more, if not better informed, than you.
3. Never make important decisions while angry, because an intemperate nature can cause one to run into a brick wall. Allow time to rationalize.
4. What is pain to a warrior is but a privilege; pain, and handling pain are measures of a warrior, for to know victory is to know defeat.
5. The injuries that you inflict upon the enemy should be considered such a vicious act of terrorism; that the damage inflicted caused the enemy to never consider revenge.
6. Never allow the enemy to live in your midst, because one day he may rise up to repay you for that mistake.
7. One must be a fox to recognize a trap, and a lion to fight and intimidate the enemy.
8. The best defense is often times, a good offense.
9. There is no greater sin in war than ignorance.
10. War has no room for diplomacy, war is outright vicious.

11. Beware of those around you who shout out the most, yet find time to talk during conflict. These individuals will reason with the enemy.
12. In war, strive for the following:
 - A. Render the enemy helpless
 - B. Disrupt the enemies alliances
 - C. Attack before you are attacked
13. Silence and observation are major weapons in defense, observe what you see, and listen to what you hear.
14. During war or peace, never allow your priorities to be misguided.

BLOOD GREETING

What that Red be Like?

Five Poppin', Six Droppin', Crip Killer till my casket drop,

Five Alive, Six must Die, Rest in Peace to O.G. Tye

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Tattoos & Body Marks

The Bloods, like most gang members, adorn various parts of their body with tattoos. In New York City, the most popular body insignia is the tattoo or scars of three small circles in the shape of a triangle representing a "dawg's" paw (since all members are "dogs"). It is usually found on the person's upper bicep. These markings are usually burned into place and represent Blood membership, conveying the message "I am Blood". The members also flaunt tattoos with various symbols and words conveying images of death, destruction and violence; a sampling of which are illustrated on the following pages.

THREE BURN MARKS



"THUG LIFE"



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**"M.O.B."
(Member of Bloods)**



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OUTLAW





Tattoos



"M.O.B."
(Member of Bloods)



"ALMIGHTY SUPREME"



"BABY FACE"



"THUG LIFE"



SADDAM HUSSEIN



BLEEDING HEART



"O. DOG"



"BLOODY FELONY"



"LIFE"



"WHEN THUGS CRY"

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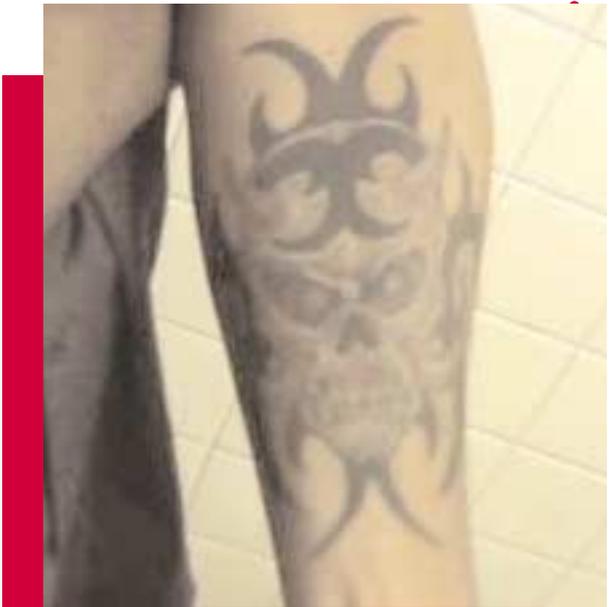
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"M.O.B."
(Member of Bloods)



"G.K.B."
(Gangsta
Killer
Bloods)

"U.B.N."
(United Bloods Nation)



MONSTER
FACE



"DINO DOG"



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REAPER & SWORD



GRIM
REAPER



"THUG TILL MY
DEATH"



"OUTLAW"



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**M.O.B. (Member of Bloods)
One Hand Stacks**

Besides their coded language of numbers and words, Blood members communicate through the use of hand signals also known as "stacking". These hands stacks connote a variety of meanings, ranging from derogatory sentiments about the Crips, (their rival gang), to hand signals expressing their Bloods brotherhood. This "sign language" is a further attempt by gang members to eliminate law enforcement officers and other non-gang members from deciphering the message that is being conveyed between members. Additionally, these hand stacks are updated and changed frequently based on the whims of gang superiors.



PEOPLE NATION
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"I FEEL YOU BLOOD"
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"BLOOD RULES"
M.O.B. (Member of Bloods) NATION



"OUTLAWS"



"CRIP KILLER"



"F**K CRABS"



"UNIVERSAL LOVE"

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**M.O.B. (Member of Bloods)
One Hand Stacks**



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**M.O.B. (Member of Bloods)
One Hand Stacks**



"INSANE BLOOD"



"BLOOD!"



"BLACK POWER"



"BOUNTY HUNTER"



"PEACE BLOOD"



"BLOOD HOOD"



"DEATH TO ALL ENEMIES"



"I NEED A GAT"

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**M.O.B. (Member of Bloods)
One Hand Stacks**



M.O.B. (Member of Bloods) One Hand Stacks



"ENEMIES AROUND"



"BLOOD UP FOOL"



"STAY UP BLOOD"



"NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY BLOOD"



"F**K F.O.L.K.S"



"FAMILY"



"VILLAINS"

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**M.O.B. (Member of Bloods)
One Hand Stacks**



**M.O.B. (Member of Bloods)
One Hand Stacks**



"BROTHERLY LOVE"



"BLOOD LOVE"



"KEEP ON BANGING"



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"M.O.B."



"I LOVE MY SET"



"KILLERS"



"BLOODS NEVER DIE"



"BLOODS FLY"

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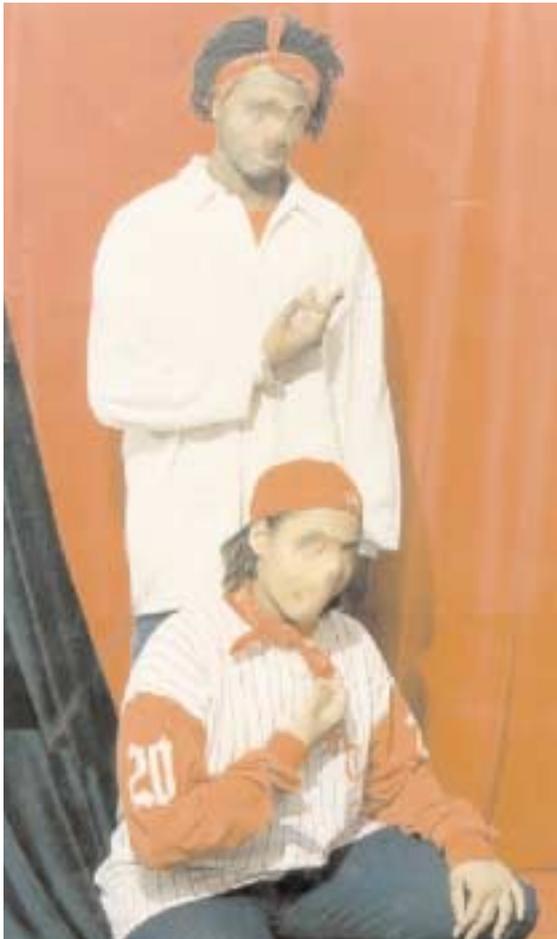
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**M.O.B. (Member of Bloods)
One Hand Stacks**

"CRIP KILLERS"



"WE ALL BANG"
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"ALMIGHTY BLOODS"
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"M.O.B. (Member of Bloods)"



"BLOOD IN, BLOOD OUT"



"FROM THE CRADLE TO THE GRAVE"



"WE TIGHT BLOOD"

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**M.O.B. (Member of Bloods)
One Hand Stacks**



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**M.O.B. (Member of Bloods)
One Hand Stacks**



"PUT IN WORK"



"I LOVE BLOOD"



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"OVERRIDE OPPRESSION"



Graffiti

The Bloods, like most gangs, use graffiti to mark their territory. This graffiti is usually written on walls, sidewalks or fences after a rival gang member has been murdered to show their colors, pride and power. They also use it to disrespect rival gangs by marking the neighborhood as their "turf", and is also used to memorialize deceased gang members. Blood graffiti is not elaborate; it simply consists of their code words and numbers, as well as their set's name. The graffiti shown on the following pages was taken from various crime scenes.



"031" (I got love for you Blood)



"BLOOD IN, BLOOD OUT"



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Graffiti



Valentine Set - C.K. - 0001VB

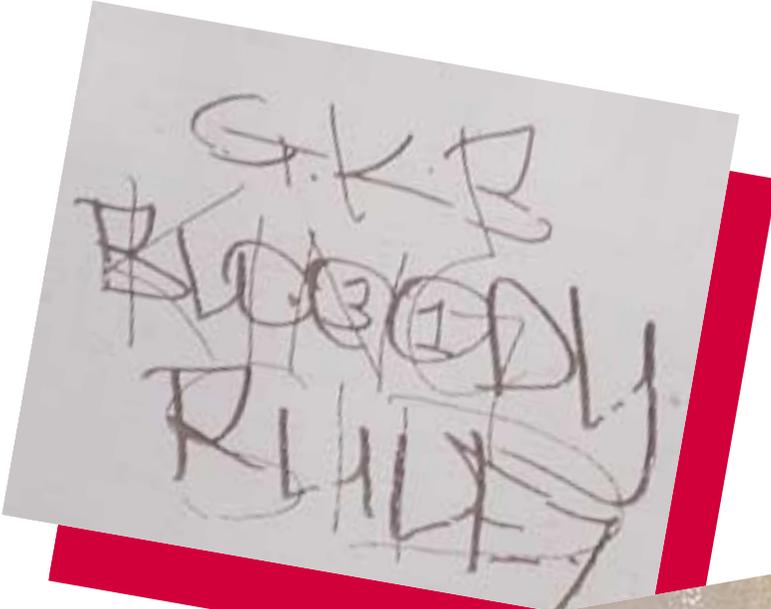


"Bloods 031
Lock & Load"



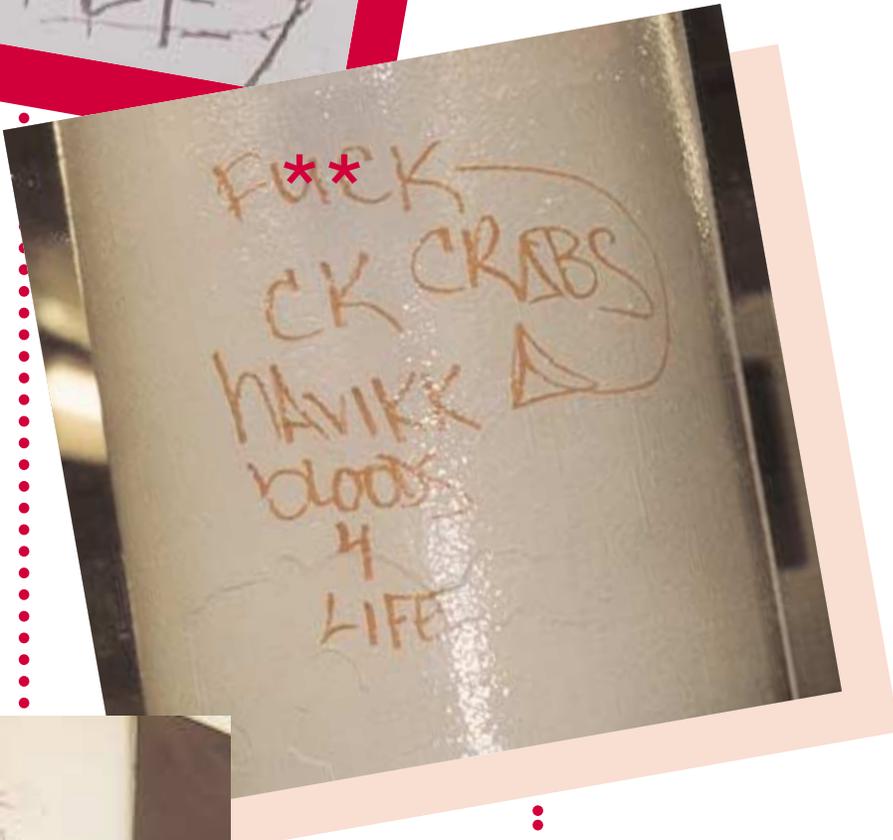
"Snoop Blood"





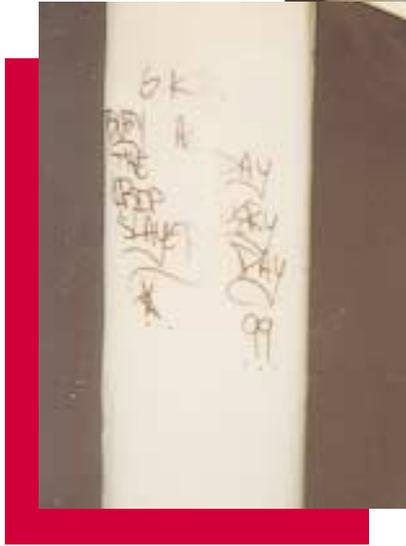
"G.K.B. (Gangsta Killer Bloods) - Bloody Rules"

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"F**K Crabs:
Bloods for Life"

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"G.K.B." (Gangsta Killer Bloods) -
The Crip Slayer, All Day, Every Day

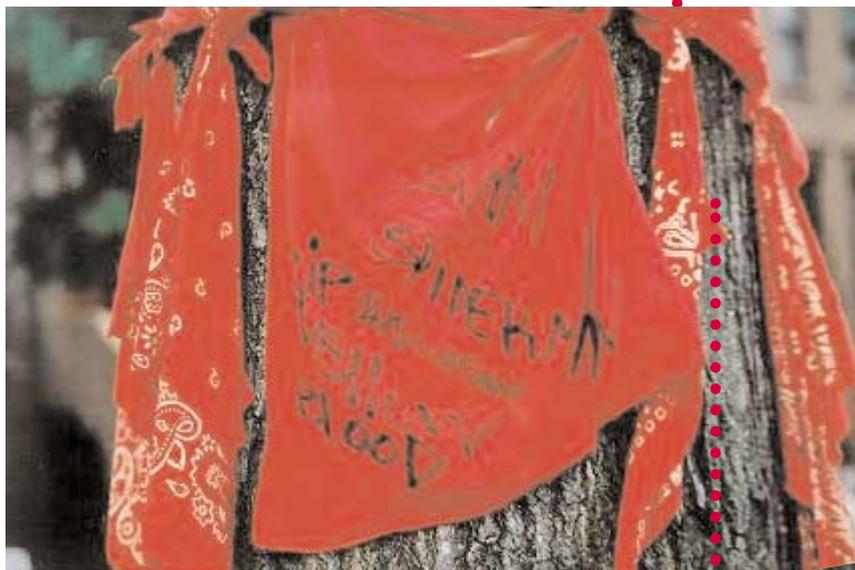


Graffiti



BLOODS

Graffiti



Bandannas
& Beads



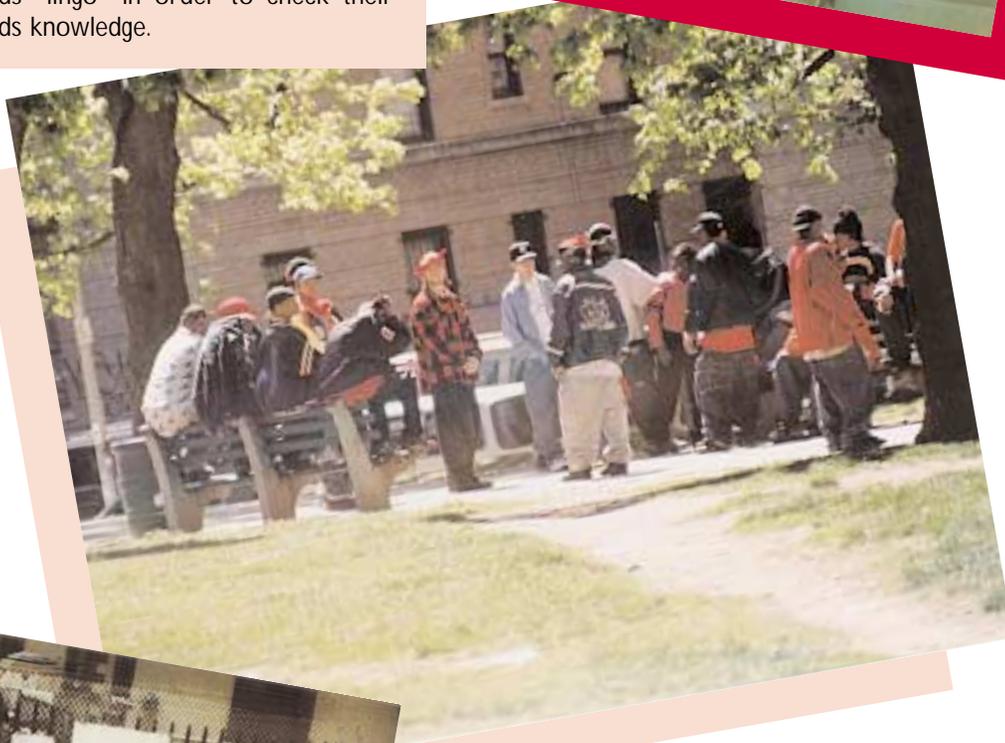
Bloods Valentine
set - Crip Killer



Meetings

The Bloods informally assemble outdoors, such as in the street or park, to “hang-out” and proudly flaunt their gang colors. A Blood set superior may sporadically conduct a formal gang meeting, similar to a military roll call. The superior will lead the set in reciting the Blood’s pledge and oath, reiterating the reasons why the Bloods must continue to “bang”, or attack, in order to populate the gang’s set. The superior will also say certain gang words and phrases in order to prompt present members to respond in appropriate Bloods “lingo” in order to check their Bloods knowledge.

“R.I.P.” Memorial Wall



“R.I.P.” Sidewalk Shrine

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Graffiti



BLOODS

Graffiti

Graffiti from gang members' notebook

 BROOKLYN-JUNGLE  GREENS
 HASTTOWN-BRONX GANGSTER PARADISE
BULLS LOVE LUST SOUL
 SUCKERTOWN MANHATTAN
 BODY UNITY DON WAUN DEMARZI
money. CASH
NIQQAZ
 Love THAT K-A-I Love!! **M.S.B** you ~~could~~ get it too!
 Uptop STAY EATING SVN DOWN OTTA TOWN **M.D.B**
 Downlow **9-trey** (44) MAG YA HEARD
 BLOODY WARFARE
 R.E.D.R.U.M P.Y.T.U
 M.U.R.D.E.R **5-9 Brim**
G.K.B Kick in the Door **SSM**
 All you heard was bloods don't eat me no more
 B's fly **VB**
 B's Die **99-2225**
 BLACK, Green, Red, Brown **YA HEARD**
 AS far back as I CAN remember.....



Ode to the Bloods

The following material was confiscated by the New York City Department of Corrections from an incarcerated Bloods member.

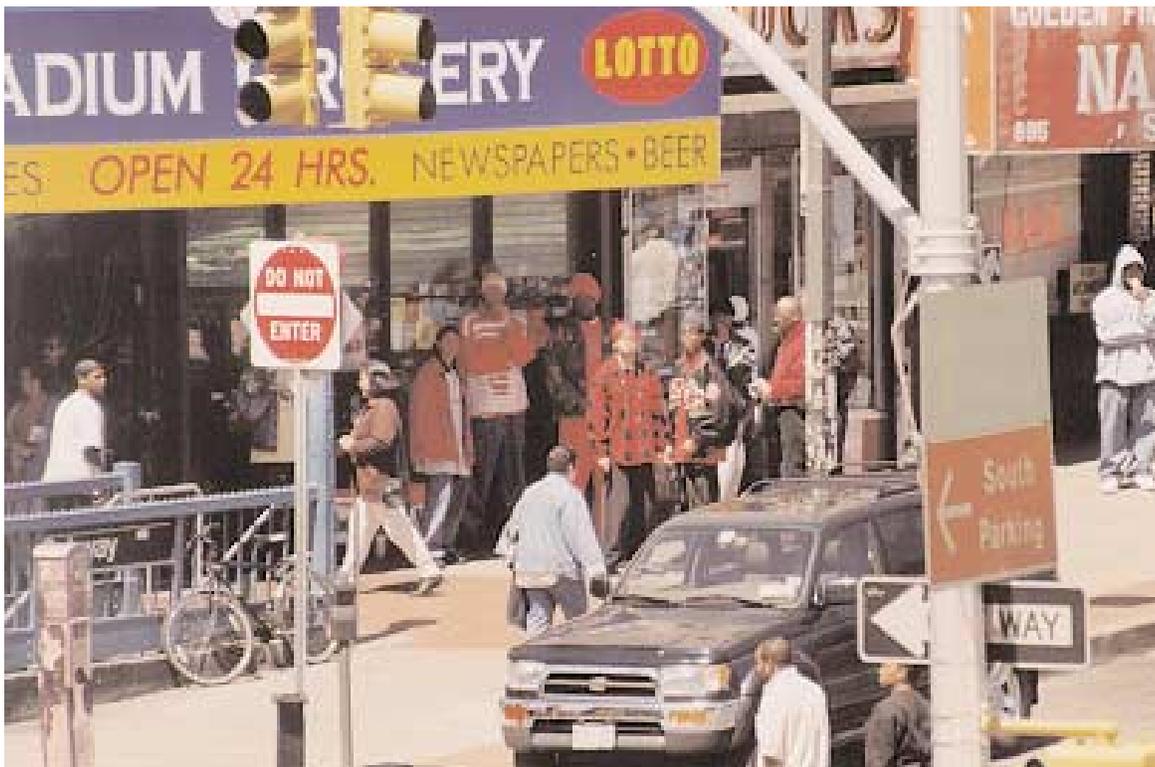
"Being Blood is a great feeling to have. Blood comes in good ways and bad ways or sometimes both. It comes out the way you want it to be with a crew or posse that you would like to get down with to look good or impress anyone.

Nobody tells you if you are wrong for being a Blood; it has to come from your heart (not by saying through your mouth). When you become a true Blood, you will know. It goes through your body with a shock, happiness, affection; and you will feel around you true "G's". It can be expressed with love, peace, and happiness. The best day for showing your LOVE to a BLOOD G is not to show it.

BLOOD can also be expressed in weird ways like an argument or a state of disappointment.. But he is always going to come back and represent his true colors in life. It's not because you think it's the right thing to do, it's because of what you have in your heart that makes you a true HIGH FIVE BLOOD G.

Another weird way of expressing a Blood is by the way many Bloods act; the way in different shapes and sizes. The most important part is being a Blood to the end of life. That makes it so special to all G's, which you must take that in stride to the end of time, which makes you so divine to the end when you die. Every Blood sheds and drips pure Blood for all his G's in life. That's why when you say the word Blood it's to be showin', not to be frontin'. Remember when your a BLOOD G, your always a BLOOD G and there's no turning back."

...Head Lt. Scarface "Tabu"





Almighty Latin King Nation

Origin

The Latin Kings are the oldest and largest hispanic street gang, commencing in the 1940's in their "Motherland", Chicago, Illinois. The gang's founders were Puerto Rican immigrants, whose unification movement actually originated as a Hispanic prisoners' rights group in the Chicago area which eventually spread throughout United States prisons. The gang's main objective developed into a unified force that protected the gang's neighborhood or "turf." Their battles with rival gangs ultimately led the Latin Kings to develop a reputation as a violent street gang.

During the 1980's, the Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation (ALKQN) expanded quickly throughout the tri-state area organizing chapters. Their ideology spread within various correctional facilities, which exploded onto the streets as inmates were released. Currently, the ALKQN boasts a membership of 100, 000 members nationwide.

Although the gang claims to be a legitimate organization (cultivating activism and community service) law enforcement agencies recognize them as engaging in criminal activities, including narcotics, weapons, extortion, auto thefts, assaults, intimidation, con games, beatings, stabbing, shootings, murders, etc. Although the ALKQN publicly advocate peace, harmony, education and legal employment, many use criminal activity to support themselves and the ALKQN's cause. The gang has even resorted to hiring a public relations expert to assist them in gaining positive media attention and public support.

History in NYC

King Blood (Luis Felipe) born in Cuba, is the godfather of the New York ALKQN. He smuggled himself into Florida and later joined the Latin Kings in Chicago. He founded the first New York chapter of the Latin Kings in 1986 while in prison at Collins Correctional facility in upstate New York. He wanted to bring unity and strength to the Hispanic inmates. He began the ALKQN as a cultural organization that would educate youth about their heritage.

In June 1994, King Blood and 28 of his associates were indicted on crimes ranging from racketeering and drug trafficking to eight murders. Charged with ordering these killings, King Blood was sentenced to 145 years in prison. The first 45 of which are to be spent in solitary confinement. The Kings, under the leadership of King Tone (Antonio Fernandez) are fighting to remove what they consider to be an inhuman restriction to King Blood's sentence. On 5/14/98, King Tone was arrested with 101 other Latin Kings as part of "Operation Crown" a joint NYPD/FBI investigation for conspiracy to distribute narcotics. He is presently incarcerated in a federal facility for 12 years and is due to be released in the Spring of 2011. Despite his incarceration, King Blood remains the spiritual leader of the Nation.



Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation



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The Colors

The following material on the significance of ALKQN colors and beads was confiscated by New York City Police Department Detectives from an actual Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation member's initiation package.

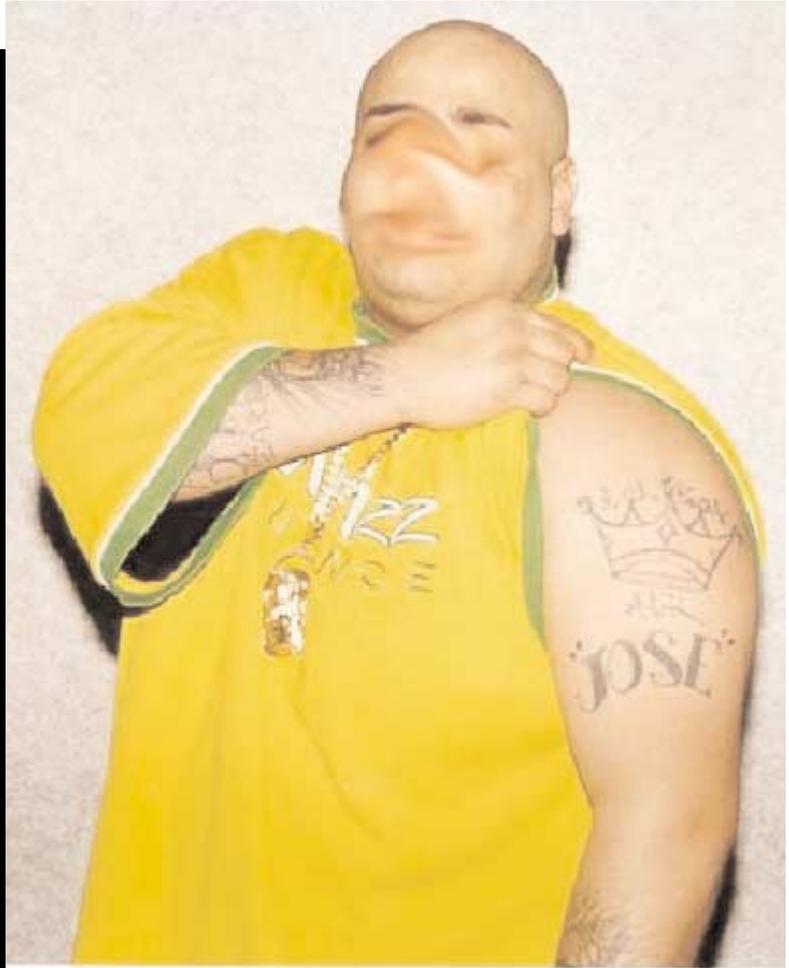
In accordance with the rules and procedures of the ALKQN chapter, all members of this family are required to know and completely understand the purpose of the nation's colors.

Black represents the darkness in the unknown region of death; meaning that the member will make sacrifice beyond the realm of life to defend the five points (respect, honesty, unity, knowledge and love) of this family. Hence, in the name of these five points, the member must defend the philosophy of the ALKQN. Since membership lasts a lifetime, the member must be prepared to defend their nation with their mind, body and spirit forever. The color black also honors the fallen brothers of our nation.

Gold represents the inspiration of life to this organization with respect to the five points indicated above. Gold also signifies that in conjunction with the color black, the individual is a member of the most precious and powerful nation.

Red represents the blood of our brothers and sisters which they have shed for the cause of the nation.

Members sometimes wear five black beads, followed by five gold beads, however, recently in an effort to make individual membership less conspicuous, members are opting not to wear the beads. Members in the upper hierarchical ranks also have the option of wearing five black beads followed by two gold beads; and the nation's designated enforcers or assassins may opt to wear all black beads.



National Salute



A fist upon the heart means "I Die for You", for "you are flesh of my blood, son of my mother who is the Universal Nature and follower of the Almighty King of Kings." It also means love, strength and sacrifice.

The Crown hand signal connotes "I am a Latin King or Queen." The gang members usually flash this hand signal when they are grouped together, whether it be at a meeting or on the street.



Gang Emblem

The ALKON use elaborate drawings, which are featured throughout this section, to illustrate their gang symbols, such as the five-pointed star, the five-pointed crown, the lion's head with a crown and the bulldog with a crown.



Membership Qualifications

The following material contained on this page through page 61 was confiscated by New York City Police Department Detectives from an actual Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation member's initiation package.

To avoid "betrayal" in the nation, a prospective member must fit the following qualifications:

Morals: Only those prospective members with good moral judgement are able to succeed in this "society." The nation feels that morals determine success and failure; and that an individual should have a role model exerting a positive influence on his life. They believe morals are "becoming" of a person: things you might do, things you may want to do and things you will absolutely not do under any circumstances, which is determined by your own moral judgement.

One must be able to make a sound moral judgement in accepting membership into the ALKQN. Every member, regardless of their membership status, has a moral responsibility to their constitution. The member also has a moral obligation to adhere to all rules, laws and policies. This moral qualification must be accepted and maintained by each nation member. The member must feel, think and do what morally is required to protect and preserve the integrity and honor of the ALKQN.

Experience: The only experience requirement is the decision to be considered as a member of your own free will, without malice or for the purpose of false pretenses. The organization mandates that each member acknowledge its goals and accepts its beliefs and realizes that the best experience is to experience life itself.

Character: Before becoming a king one must have changed his ways before coming into the nation. A member's

character is a reflection of what is inside his heart and mind.

Determination: The nation's constitution reflects the organization's goal to continually unify its people. The nation expects each member to adamantly learn every aspect of the gang's teachings. The ALKQN expects each member to be individually committed to achieving the organization's goals.

Cultural Heritage: The nation requires prospective members to be of Hispanic.

The Creed



"As a member of this most precious organization of the ALKQN, I do swear to uphold with body, mind and soul and all of the rules, laws and directives governed by the great constitution of the executive crown; with the membership now upon me I relinquish all ties to any organization of my previous affiliation!!"

(Crown Member's Response . . .)

"With the power vested upon me, I hereby authorize and accept your membership into this family as a member of the ALKQN."

"You are hereby crowned

Amor de Rey!

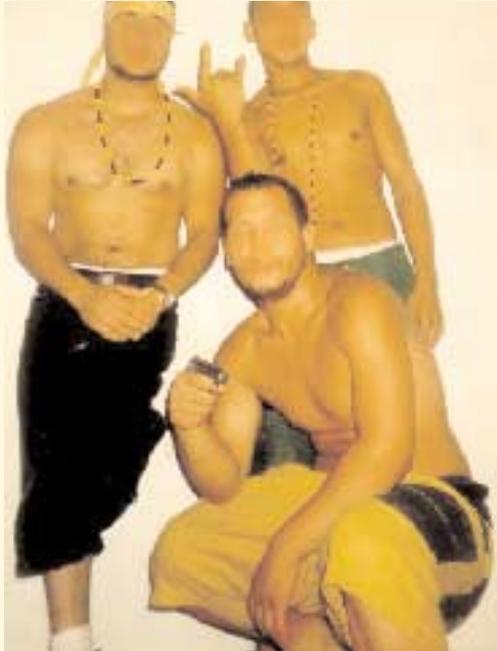
King Airborne!

Master Your Lessons!

Peace to the Nation!"

Rules and Regulations

1. Anybody that is blessed as a king and is put on probation is to throw up a probation crown and say 'amor.'
2. No more pee-wees are to be blessed into this nation. You must be 17 years old plus.



3. Borough representatives are to hold their own culture class. Only the representative conducts the class and no affairs are to be taken care of until the next meeting.
4. No one is to speak at the meeting. First warning: 50 push-ups or stand in push-up position for 10 or 20 minutes. Second warning: a one minute physical (beating) in front of everybody.
5. Anybody missing a meeting has to have a reasonable excuse. If you miss three without contacting the crown structure, you will be in violation. If you miss a second meeting, you will be put on probation. If you miss a third meeting, you will get a physical. If you miss a fourth meeting, you will get put out of the nation.

6. If you have a problem, please speak to the fifth crown of your tribe and he will try to help you.
7. No one is to jump the chain of command. Anybody jumping the chain of command will receive a violation.
8. Everyone is to pay their dues: \$7.00 per meeting.
9. Everyone is to attend every universal meeting, no excuses whatsoever.
10. Coronas are to enforce these laws to the brothers and sisters of the ALKQN. Failure to comply with these laws will lead to a violation.

Baptism Oath

"Crown almighty, I in front of the Almighty crown stand today with loyalty and absolute respect. I truly swear that I want to be a Latin King from the heart, and that I will follow my crowns, I will die for my brothers, the cause, and my "Nation" no matter what. I truly understand that I was not forced to be part of the whole and I will accept any violation given to me. I know my five points of the crown as well as my lessons. I swear I will be King from the heart 100%; 360 degrees strong and will carry my crown all my life."

"Almighty Father, King of Kings, I Almighty Latin King 360 degrees strong in knowledge, understanding and respect. Pledge my love and give my oath of life and death to this brother as he gives his oath of life and death to the nation and his brothers no matter what. Let his name be written in the Royal Book of Almighty Kings in the arks of heaven for eternity. Rise forth my brother, you are now a king. All hail King (gang member's name), Amor de Rey! All hail ALKQN!"



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Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation

The Symbolism of the Crown

Joined together, the symbols shown below create a mighty throne in which each individual King will sit upon, thus strengthening the King's principles and protecting the Nation's members. Each member wears the crown in his mind and heart, which is supported by a throne. The Nation must be protected and conscious of greatness, which is their destiny. The throne also represents the constitution and the future existence of the ALKQN.

This stone represents a superior's stone.

The circle represents the gang sharing one interest, with the crown in the center, standing for their domain. A King's respect is 360 degrees strong; whole, complete and unbreakable. This sphere of brotherhood is a continuous process. The crown is a clandestine barrier of knowledge, wisdom, logic and action.

The five small diamonds represent man's five senses, (seeing, hearing, touching, smelling and tasting) which make him complete, as it makes the crown complete.

The five points of the crown signify the King's values:

RESPECT: is for the brothers, the crown and for the nation. A brother's respect shows high regard to his Nation.

HONESTY: is living marked by truth, their word is their Crown and their Crown is their Nation. A King will live by his word!

UNITY: is the condition of being united into a single whole. One for all and all for one: one people.

KNOWLEDGE: is the knowing of their lessons and prayers, gained through the study and experience of the Nation.

LOVE: is what they carry in their heart for your Crown and the brothers and sisters of the Nation.

The Quintuple Circle is the pure, highly concentrated essence of the gang's actions. Its five corners represent a King's five principles. This barrier encircling their mighty crown represents the manner in which the members must conduct themselves: total control of their emotions and actions.

The five crown stones represent the Nation's Superiority Structure: **BLACK**-First Crown, **WHITE**-Second Crown, **GREEN**-Warlord, **RED**-Crown of Arms and **GOLD**-Crown Advisor

Bottom of triangle represents the nation. The triangle itself signifies the gang's direction, goal and solidarity.

The Significance of the Lion

The colors also represent characteristics of the lion.

Black signifies the Lion's brain. The "primera corona" thinks with a thought that no outsider can understand.



He makes difficult decisions for the tribe and must have his senses alerted at all times. The body will not react if the brain doesn't tell it to do so.

White represents the Lion's eyes. The "segunda corona" must see things that no one else sees. He must analyze everything around him and keep anything from destroying his brain.

Green is the Lion's tail. The duty of the "tercera corona" is to maintain the balance of the body (tribe). When a lion walks, his tail always drags and swings from side to side. When he senses danger, his tail goes up as he prepares for attack. The tail is used for leverage and balance so that he doesn't fall on his back or sides.

Red is the Lion's right paw. The "quarta corona" provides strength. When a lion walks, he looks both ways. When he stops to look to the left, his paws are separated 5" apart, but when he looks to the right, his paws come together in the form of a diamond, the right paw first. Also, when he sleeps, his paws are right over left, and his tail comes over next to his right paw. Therefore, a king never covers his right hand because his right hand represents the crown.

Gold is the entire body of the Lion. The duty of the quinta corona is to maintain the body (tribe) 360 degrees strong, whole and unbreakable, for if the body is weak it will not function properly and will fall apart.

“When I die, have no pity... bury me deep in Latin King City . . . place two shotguns across my chest ... and tell the Almighty Latin King Nation I tried my best. Amor de Rey!”

The King's Ring

This emblem is the nation's family crest or coat of arms, which is worn in the form of a ring. It is a constant reminder of the significance of a King's duty, representing dedication, hard work and constant awareness. The ring is the king's light, the continuous reminder of the shield that protects the mighty nation - the crown.





Scope of General Rules

1. Respect: Each member is to respect one another in tone, language and conversation. Any type of physical play that can also lead to the disrespect of one another, is discouraged. Members should always respect the feelings of others, however, one's values should not be compromised. Romantic involvement between members and their relatives is also discouraged, unless a serious intent is made to stabilize and maintain a future commitment. The organization believes emotional play results in chaos and conflict; inflicting avoidable mental distress. Respect is the mutual balance between two human beings that should be maintained through out the lifetime.

2. Personal Appearance and Hygiene: ALKQON members must always maintain the highest standards of cleanliness, as their appearance is reflective of the organization's bloodline and health. Their ideology is that if each member thinks clean, and stays clean, one will exist in a "clean way of being."

“*C*owards die many times before their death, but a King tastes death just once.”

3. Education and Academic Skills: The nation believes that each member should continually improve their communication skills, because it is everyone's responsibility to educate future members on the gang's ideology and everchanging policies. Education leads to psychological, emotional and vocational enhancement, increasing the organization's maturity level, and producing great leaders. The ALKQON strives and inspires members to seek educational goals, which will increase the organization's unity, respectfulness, honesty, knowledge and love.

4. History and Philosophy: Each member must know the nation's organizational history and philosophy, including the five points of the crown.

5. Bloodlines and Family Tree: The ALKQON demands that every member learn and know their own personal cultural history and family tree.

6. Character and Positive Outlook: Every member's words, actions, deeds, personality, and character, reflects the organization's image. Each member should also maintain a positive outlook, and keep all things in their proper perspective.

7. Attendance of Meetings, Classes and Functions: Since every meeting's function is to inform each member of



organizational events, changes and decisions; the nation considers meeting attendance crucial, and reflective of the member's overall dedication. Therefore, any member that arrives late for a regularly scheduled meeting, without a valid reason and consent of the crown, will be fined a \$1.00 for every 15 minutes he is late. Any member who plans to arrive late because of other previous appointments must clear it in advance with the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th crowns, so that no one will be charged for being late.

8. Participation

Commencing in ALKQN Family Prayer and Closing Greeting, "Amor de Rey":

Every function or meeting is opened professionally and traditionally with the ALKQN family prayer and unified "Amor de Rey" sign (reaching high above your head with your right hand that forms the "La Corona" sign). The purpose of the ALKQN's prayer is to remind members that there is a supreme being. The group must give praise and thanks to him for giving them the strength in being the great loving family that they are, and may his peace and blessings be upon them and their cause forever.

9. Stay Updated-Read

Materials: Any literature that is printed by the authorized and executive crown members, must be read carefully, in order for each member to completely comprehend it. If any clarification is needed, you may ask another member, and if you need further clarification, you must make it your priority to ask a La Corona member. The more you study and read on the organization, the more you will learn it, live it and teach it.

10. Filing and the Security of all Literature: All literature should be kept away from liquid and flammable materials, as well as be filed and maintained in an orderly fashion, for easy future reference. These administrative directives are solely for the member's purpose, and must be kept by such members only!

Gang Structure

ALKQN groups or organizations are usually called tribes. These tribes will use different names, such as Tiger Tribe, Lion Tribe, etc. Many tribes also will use other names that do not reveal their ALKQN relationship.

The male members are called Latin Kings and the female members are called Latin Queens. The members are primarily hispanic, however, several members are of Italian and Portuguese descent. The gang is highly organized and has an extremely elaborate hierarchy and chain of command.

I. Las Coronas: The highest ranking officers in the Nation. Their term in office is indefinite, and they are responsible for seeing that all officers of the Nation abide by the Constitution and respect the rights of their membership.

They have the power to bring justice where the abuse of power or corruption has occurred by the Inca and Cacique (see III and IV below) in any Chapter. In the event the Inca and Cacique violate the Laws of the Constitution, Las Coronas have the power to place all rank on hold pending investigation and appoint temporary positions of rank until a new Inca and Cacique have been elected.

Las Coronas have the power to give Crowns to new members of the Nation without them being required to be voted in by the Chapters' Crown Councils.

Any member seeking re-entry into the Nation must be approved by Las Coronas.

Once a proposal has been put to a vote and approved by the Chapter Crown Council, the Inca and Cacique; final approval must be given by Las Coronas before it is added to the Constitution as Law.

II. El Consejador: The Inca's advisor shall serve as a Consejador to the Inca and Cacique. This position is usually reserved for members who have served as past Incas and have been in the Nation for a long period of time with a record of having served wisely. All members reaching the age of fifty years, who are members in good standing and have during their years in the Nation held the rank of Inca, Cacique,



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Chapter Crown Council Chairman and Chapter Enforzador shall with the approval of Las Coronas, hold the title of Nation Consejador and are to be treated with the respect of an officer.

III. Inca: The highest ranking officer in every Chapter of the Nation. He is elected by majority vote of his Chapter's membership. His term in office is indefinite. However, he must run in an election for a "vote of confidence" every two years in order to retain his position as Commander-in-Chief.

The Inca is responsible for the actions of his Chapter, its security, its treasury and the general welfare of the membership. He is responsible for promoting academic and vocational skills and for providing the aid and way in our search for peace, unity and freedom.

The Inca must file a State of the Nation report every three months with Las Coronas concerning the affairs of his Chapter. Any action taken by the Inca shall be enforced through the Cacique.

IV. Cacique: He shall be second in command of his Chapter. He, like the Inca, is elected by majority vote of the membership of his Chapter and his term is indefinite. However, he also must run in a "vote of confidence" election every two years.

The Cacique is to work hand-in-hand with the Inca and assume the responsibilities of the Inca in case of the Inca's absence. He is also responsible for keeping the Inca informed on all actions taken by the officers of his Chapter. Any action taken by the Cacique shall be enforced through the Chapter Enforzador.

V. Chapter Investigador:

He shall be appointed by the Inca and Cacique. He shall also conduct an investigation on all new members. All

prospective new members shall be placed on hold until the investigation is completed.

The Investigador shall also conduct all investigations requested by the Inca, Cacique, Chapter Crown Council, Enforzador, Tesorero and Secretario. A report of all investigations, no matter what officer makes the request, must be filed at the completion with the Inca and Cacique.

VI. Chapter Crown Council:

The Council shall have its powers delegated to it under this Constitution. Council members do not maintain any powers outside the Council. However, Council members shall be recognized as officers of the Nation. Council members shall





The Crown Structure

This structure is an alternate organizational ranking that some tribes use. The Council is comprised of all First Crowns of every NYC sub-chapter. The Council's objective is to establish the social matters in the state as well as to maintain order with all members.

First Crown “Smells the Unity”: The President or Inca, the Leader of the Division. Wears five black beads followed by two red beads in sequence.

Second Crown “See’s the Respect”: The Vice-President or Cacique. Wears five white beads followed by two red beads in sequence.

Third Crown “Touches the Love”: The Warlord or Enforcedor. Orders members to “B.O.S. (Beat on Site)” or “T.O.S (Terminate on Site)”. Wears five green beads followed by two red beads in sequence.

Fourth Crown “Hears the Honesty”: Treasurer or “Tesorero”. Maintains the gang’s cash flow; bank accounts. Collects membership dues (\$5.00 per week) from each member of his tribe. Wears five red beads followed by two black beads in sequence.

Fifth Crown “Tastes the Knowledge”: Crown Advisor or Secretary; advises the President and other members. Wears five yellow beads followed by two red beads in sequence.

Their Enemies

The ALKON's main enemy is the Black Gangster Disciples. Their sign is the Six Pointed Star, and the Pitch Fork; and their colors are black and blue. They also call themselves the “Us One” disciples who are primarily Chicago based gangs. Their allies are called “Folks or Cruzao”: Black Gangster Disciples, Latin Disciples, Imperial Gangsters Milwaukee Kings, Spanish Cobras, Latin Eagles, Latin Dragons, Harrison Gents, Young Brothers Organization and Simon City Royals

The ALKON allies are called “Peoples”: Vice Lords, Unknown Kings, Warlords, El Rukin Stones, Spanish Lords, Spanish Brothers, Puerto Rican Stones, Deuces, Four Corner Hustlers and Villalobos.



“A king never crosses his arms with his left over his right. A King should never cover his right hand, because his right hand represents his Crown.”

Constitutional Laws

Any member of the ALKQN has the right to make a proposal, requesting that this proposal be incorporated into the gang's constitutional law. Any Chapter member may introduce a proposal initially to the Chapter Crown Council. Once the proposal has been submitted, reviewed and debated by the Council, the majority vote will then decide whether the submitted proposal has been accepted. Once the Chapter Crown Council has approved the proposal, it will then be presented to the Inca and Cacique for their approval.

If the Inca and Cacique approve the proposal, it will then be submitted to Las Coronas. The proposal cannot become Chapter Law without the approval of Las Coronas.

1. The first and most important law of the ALKQN is "Once a King, Always a King", unless he is expelled from the Nation for violation of its laws.
2. Every member of the Nation shall honor, respect and protect with his life, the lives and reputation of all members of the ALKQN.
3. When a member gives another member the Nation Salute, it shall always be returned.
4. There shall be no stealing inside the Nation. Acts of vandalism, property destruction or graffiti is strongly discouraged.

5. No members shall use his membership or position in the Nation to exploit anyone inside or outside the Nation.

6. No member shall incur debts with other members that he or she cannot afford to repay.

7. Nation affairs are to be kept within the nation and are not to be discussed in the presence of anyone outside the Nation.

8. No king shall strike or disrespect another king, unless it is in self-defense. Any officer that strikes another member (with the exception of the Inca and Cacique) will automatically lose his rank and may be subject to further disciplinary action pending investigation and a hearing before the Chapter Crown Council.

9. Any member found guilty of being a traitor or police collaborator shall automatically lose his position (if he has one) and will be expelled from the Nation.

10. No member shall take the law into their own hands, especially when he knows that what he does will reflect upon the Nation and jeopardize the health and well-being of every member of the Chapter.

11. No member shall take a lie detector test without the approval of the Inca and Cacique.

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12. No member shall conduct an interview with a person from the news media concerning Nation affairs without the approval of Las Coronas.

13. Any member accused of rape shall be put on hold, pending investigation by the Chapter Crown Council and subject to approval by the Inca and Cacique. Any member found guilty of rape will automatically be expelled from the Nation.

14. Any member that participates in homosexual activities, will be suspended from the Nation pending an investigation by the Chapter Crown Council and subject to the approval of the Inca and Cacique.

15. No members shall bring false charges or statements against another member of the Nation.

16. Any member or group of members caught discrediting the Inca and Cacique in public, or conspiring against them or any other member of the Nation, shall be brought before the Chapter Crown Council on charge of conspiring against them. Any other member of the Nation discrediting the Nation shall be brought before the Chapter Crown Council on a charge of conspiracy and treason.

17. No king shall stand idle when another king is in need of assistance.

18. The use of what is commonly known as angel dust (tick, tack or animal tranquilizers), glue, LSD (acid), heroin, downers and freebasing is unlawful and cannot be sold in our communities.

19. Those who are known to have previously used heroin for the purpose of addiction cannot obtain a position of rank without the approval of Los Coronas.



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20. Nothing which can be construed as an emblem of another organization can be worn by a member of the Almighty Latin King nation.

21. In recognition of our culture, each January 6th will be recognized as Kings Holy Day; a day dedicated to the memory of our departed brothers and sisters; a day of sacrifice in which each and every member of the Nation will observe by fasting.

22. The first week in the month of March of each and every year is a Nation holiday. This holiday is known as King's Week or Week of the Sun. This holiday is the Nation's anniversary and is a week of celebration.



“Chance, good luck, personal power, or whatever you may call it, is a peculiar state of affairs. It is like a very small stick that comes out in front of you and invites you to pluck it. Usually we are too busy, or too preoccupied, or just too stupid and lazy to realize that this is our cubic centimeter of chance.”

Executive Codes of Forbiddance

In compliance with all rules, policies and procedures of the ALKQN, the following code was established to be enforced by every brother. The purpose of this amendment is to strengthen the character image of the ALKQN through the enhancement of social respect from within members. These ALKQN crimes are punishable by the ALKQN laws.

- 1.** Members must speak the truth at all times.
- 2.** Members must never become involved in a physical relationship with another member's spouse.
- 3.** Members must not lust for pleasure in another member's spouse, relative or fiancée.
- 4.** Members must not inject illegal drugs in their body.
- 5.** Members must not consume any type of drug that is unhealthy to the mind, body or character.
- 6.** A Member must not discuss any details of their affiliation with the ALKQN with anyone that is not a member.
- 7.** A Member must report any violation by another member witnessed directly by any member taking a position as one of the five crowns.
- 8.** A member must not steal.
- 9.** A member must not physically, verbally, mentally or emotionally assault another member under any circumstances.
- 10.** Members must contribute to an official cause when called upon by an executive crown authority through their local crown.
- 11.** A member must not have sex with a person of the same sex.



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Rules of Respect

The following procedures were established to maintain the respect of every male and female member of the organization, without exception.

1. No member is to spread any rumors or gossip about anyone. When a member is told anything negative about another member, it is a very serious matter and must be absolutely verified, not by word of mouth, but by pure, solid evidence that may reflect the signature of the accused.
2. No member is to attempt to destroy any members reputation.
3. No member should consider the thought of relying on a law enforcement agency as a credible source of information.



Violation Hearing Procedures

The following procedures must be adhered to by crown members. In compliance with the rules of the ALKQN, any individual that is accused of violating any of the five points of the Constitution must be given a notice of the charge that he or she is being accused of. This notice is called a Violation Procedures Form, which includes the hearing date, the accused's name and the crown members' names. The date of the alleged violation must be shown and the accused member must receive this notice no later than 7 calendar days from the date of the alleged violation by a crown member.

A violation hearing must be held within 30 days from the incident date, unless for some crown approved reason, it is postponed. In all major violations, all parties should be present without exception. In minor violations, if the accused accepts responsibility, then the crown may proceed to render its decision without the presence of all parties involved. The crown must be considerate of the fact that the accused accepted the responsibility for his or her actions. In every case, the violation form must be completely filled out in the accused's own words. After the decision has been made in any case, it must be clearly entered on the Violation Form and then signed and dated by the first crown. The second copy must be given to the accused within seven days. The third copy will be given to the accuser, and the fourth copy to the fifth supreme crown. Failure to comply with this procedure will result in the dismissal of the charges against the accused.



“A king never indulges in thoughts like ‘what if I don’t survive.’ When he has to act, whether alone or with his fellow Kingsmen, he follows the doing of strategy and in that doing there are no victories or defeats, in that doing there are only actions.”

Rules Under Suspension

In compliance with all ALKQN procedures, the following rules were established for each member’s adherence while under any form of suspension. When a member is under suspension, the member is obligated to and must:

1. Keep their colors, but not be permitted to wear them during any period of suspension.
2. Automatically put their colors back on after the last day of suspension.
3. Not wear any clothing that bears the colors of the ALKQN during the entire period of suspension.
4. Salute by making the sign of the probationary crown (using both hands), without any hand contact with another member during the entire period of suspension.
5. Not get involved in any questionable activity that may lead to or result in a new violation charge.
6. Not wear any item of jewelry that signifies or represents the colors of the ALKQN during the entire period of suspension.

Also, all the above six rules have been done keeping the five points of the nation in mind. Furthermore, the member will be removed from the 360 degrees unless they are on observation probation.

Trial Procedures

Any member that violates a law shall be brought before the Chapter Crown Council within a reasonable time to stand trial for his offense. If he is unable to appear, he may present a written defense. He will also be presented with a copy of the charges as soon as possible so that he may be allowed adequate opportunity to prepare his defense.

Every Nation member has the right to have another Nation member represent and assist him at his trial. They shall also be allowed to present witnesses on their behalf and to give them an opportunity to gather information to prove their innocence. If the Chapter Crown Council feels that further investigation is necessary, they may order a continuance for such purpose. The Chapter Crown Council also maintains the right to call witnesses.

When a Nation officer must stand trial, the Inca or the Cacique must be present. However, the Inca nor the Cacique has the right to vote in such matters, as their responsibility is to review the decisions of the Chapter Crown Council.

If a member is found guilty of an offense by the Council, the Council will determine the punishment, subject to the approval of the Inca and Cacique. If the member is an officer, the Inca and Cacique, with the recommendation of the Chapter Crown Council, will determine the punishment.

In order to try the Inca or Cacique, any charges brought against either one of them must be brought before the Chapter Crown Council. Any member has the right to bring charges.

If the Council feels the charges are valid, the Council must immediately inform Las Coronas before proceeding with a hearing. If the charges are serious enough to warrant a public trial, the Inca and/or Cacique has the option of abdicating their throne or submitting to trial.



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The Code of Kingism

Kingism is the doctrine of the ALKQN. Kingism consists of three stages or cycles of Nation life:

The Primitive Stage:

The life stage where the King Warrior acts on impulse, executing his actions without giving them the serious thought that they demand. An immature stage, where the King Warrior's time is spent gang-banging, getting high and being recognized as big and bad. These unconscious, egotistical, wasteful actions are centered around label and personal recognition. At this level, the member either breaks or becomes strong. True lovers of the Nation develop at this stage.

The Conservative Stage:

This stage is also known as the "mummy" stage; the stage of so-called maturity. At this level, the King Warrior gets tired of the primitive stage. Subsequently, he marries and retires, alienating himself from the boys and the Nation, devoting himself to his Queen and children. However, in reality he is neglecting his responsibility to them and himself. The member becomes mummified; living conservatively with no future, accepting life as it comes to him. True members do not quit at this level, they do not cease to identify themselves with the Kings, instead they alienate themselves from the nation. They don't cease to be who they are, they conserve what they are. Many Kings exist at this level than at any other level. Although this may appear to be a regressive stage, it is really the stepping stone into the third stage of Kingism.

The New King Stage: This stage is the stage of awareness and decision. The member learns to appreciate the values



of organizational work, life and brotherhood. The member determines at this stage whether he is an accomplice to that anti-king system or a subject of decision, a New King. He realizes that a revolution of the mind and knowledge are at hand. The member throws himself completely into the battlefield ready to sacrifice his life for the sake of humanization. Turning from the nation brings inevitable disaster and turning toward the nation brings blessings.

The king that lives the life according to the teachings of this Nation is the true king. A king loves his Nation, people and freedom, and also works for universal peace, freedom and brotherhood. When a man becomes a New King, the will of the nation becomes his will. The ALKQN requires whole-hearted and complete devotion. Now is the time to proclaim the kingdom that is rightfully ours. Now is the time for union and concord. Now is the day of unity because it's Nation time!



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“Every member of the Nation shall honor, respect and protect with his life, the lives and reputation of all members of the ALKQN.

Stand up for those who stand up for themselves in their quest for peace, justice, freedom, progress and prosperity.

Never exploit or bring harm to any member of the most righteous tribe, the Lion Tribe, the ALKQN, or any other oppressed nation, person or nation.

Respect and protect with your life the mothers of our beautiful life of the future Sons of the Universe.

Love and respect children of all races, sexes, cults and religions. Protect them with your life for they are the leaders of tomorrow's Nations.

Honor and respect the national salute for it means, “I Die for You;” the sacred colors for they represent the people we love and live for; the memory of those who rest in peace in the sanctuary of the Almighty Father, King of Kings.

Educate yourself, for an illiterate King is a weak King, and has no place in a strong nation.

Learn your King Manifesto and live by it for it shall lead to peace, freedom and justice.”

The Almighty Eye

When a King Warrior accepts Kingism, as described previously in the King Manifesto, his life takes a complete turn. For him everything changes. His vision is no longer limited to a narrow horizon, instead he is gifted with the power of the Almighty Eye, a Sun that glows to enlighten, through the sense of sight, the New King and the Nation.

The eyes of the Nation are everywhere: a Nation man, a true King. His perceptions, viewed in the concept of universal human progress, is the reflections of his soul, his ideology, his quest for freedom and his desire for unity among his people. His observations are free and independent; his thoughts are not clouded by any form of prejudice, and his actions are based on common sense and knowledge. Seeing, perceiving and observing by all Kings is the network of the Nation; the eyes of the ALKQN are everywhere.

“The Creator of the Almighty Latin Kings says ‘Five is Live, Six must Die. The Latin Kings never die, we multiply. ALKQN . . . All is well, people popping and disciples draping...”

Communication Codes

The ALKQN use several different methods of codified communication. Listed below are some examples:

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A Toast to a King

A king shows high regard for his brothers. His respect, honesty and love reflects the knowledge he has of his nation, which forms the unity to our crown. He is 360 degrees strong, forever standing tall, willing to die; ready at all costs. A king's life is forever elevated, building into a higher determination. He will live forever in the hearts of his brothers, for no one can take a king's life; he himself has given it up upon getting his crown.

A king's word is his crown to guide him and light his path. He will keep his solemn promise to obey laws with all his heart; he will delight in following them and will not forget them.

Kings are meek and humble people, who strike as lions, more deadlier than a two-edged sword, powerful like thunder, more worthy than gold!



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Opening Prayer Instructions

When an executive supreme crown or local crown picks a brother to recite the "Almighty Prayer," every brother and sister, regardless of their membership status (meaning the position they hold), are required to do the crown formation with both of their hands, with their heads bowed down. They must show respect to the brother reciting the prayer, as well as to the "Almighty Father and to our Departed Brothers and Sisters, New York and Chicago; who are all up to this very day and forevermore still loved." At the end of the prayer, they all recite "Amor de Rey!"

That same brother or sister shall state their king or queen name, as well as their tribe and boro.



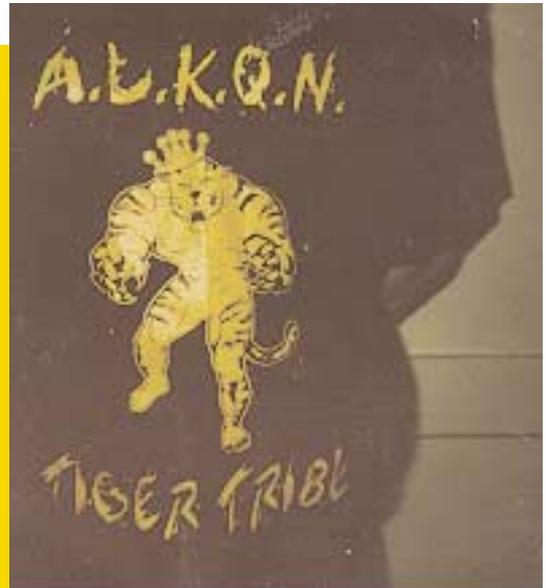
They also must state their position if they are in a crown structure, ending with "Amor de Rey," passing it to the brother or sister on their right-hand side, all the way around 360 degrees. Executive crowns or local crowns will state their name, depending on if the meeting is a regular boro tribe meeting or a universal meeting.



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Clothing

The ALKQN wear gold and black as their primary colors, however, they also wear red. Gang members also represent their affiliation by wearing colored beads (refer to pg. 3 for the gang's color breakdown). However, recently an increasing number of gang members have opted not to wear their colors, in an attempt to remain incognito.



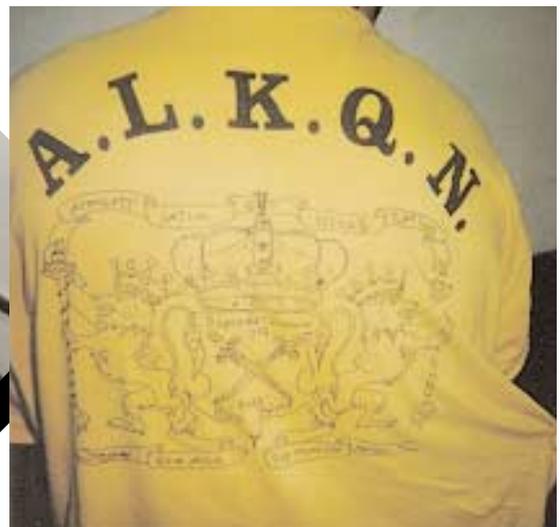
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GANG BEADS ON KEY CHAIN



T-SHIRT WITH GANG LEADER ON FRONT

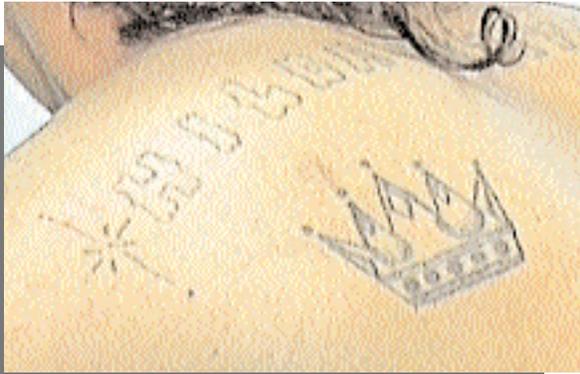


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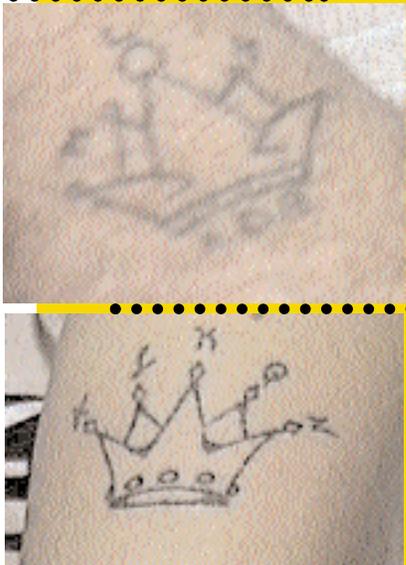


Tattoos

The ALKQN, like most gangs, adorn various parts of their body with tattoos. Their trademark crown, lion and tribe name, are the most popular tattoos among the members.



VARIOUS ALKQN CROWNS



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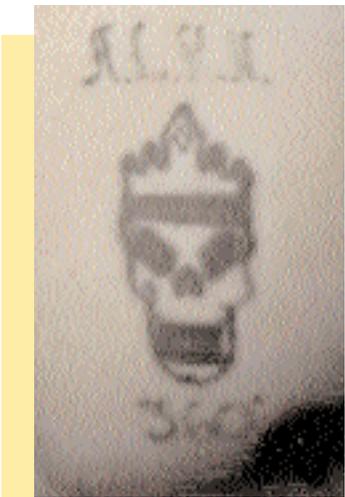


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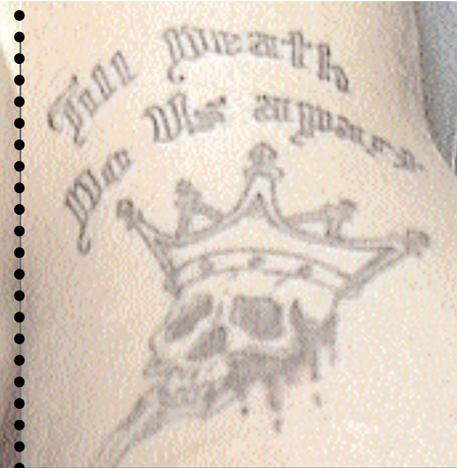
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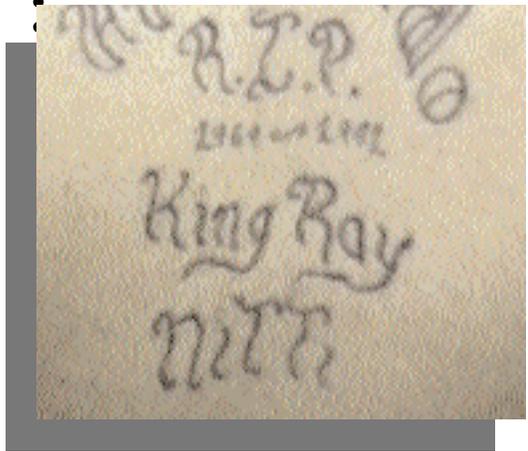
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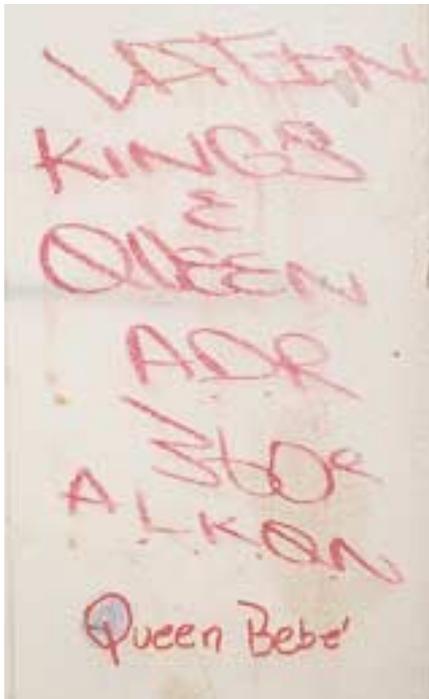
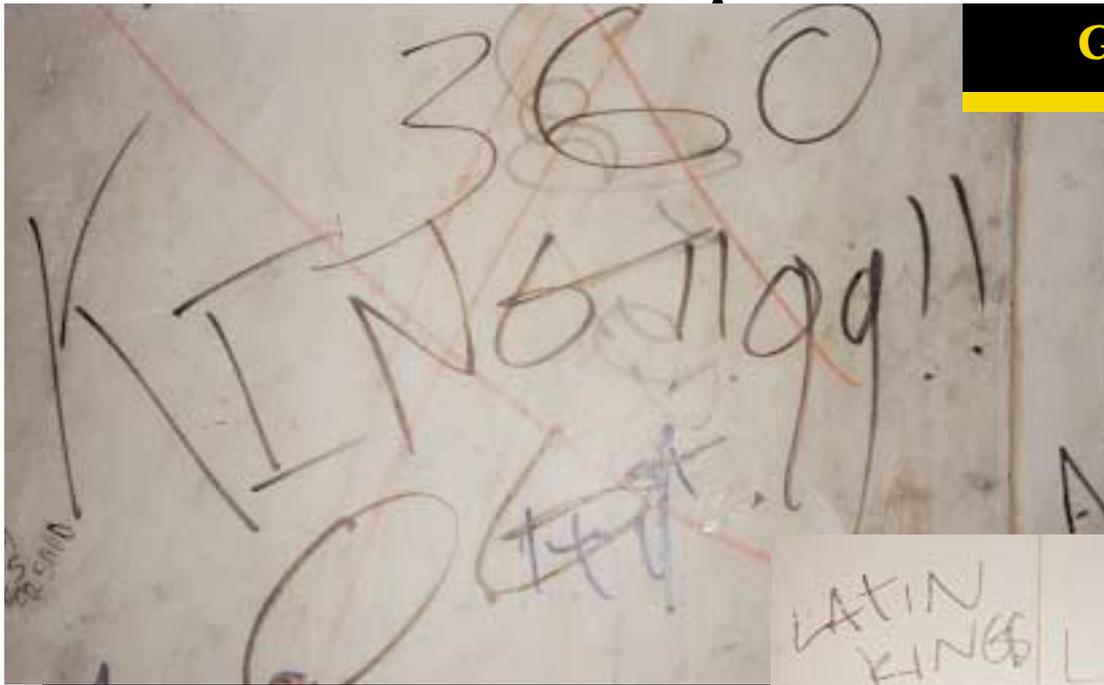


Graffiti

The ALKQ use elaborate graffiti to mark their territory. They predominantly use the same gang trademarks on walls as on their bodies: the crown, lion and tribe name.



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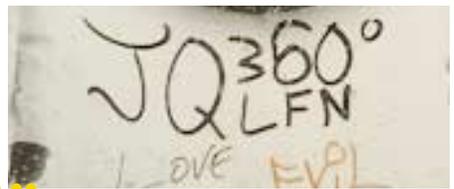
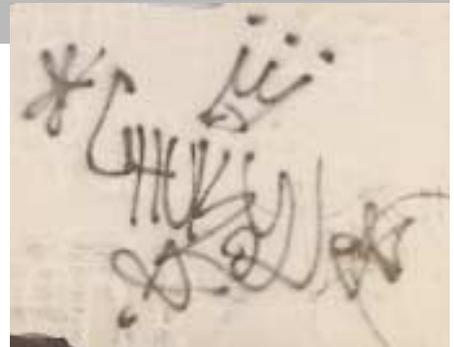
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Graffiti



Meeting Structure

The ALKON has two types of member gatherings. The first type is called a universal meeting, which assembles once a month on a Saturday, and is open to all tribe members. The universal is held in a private location, where security is provided by certain members at the entrance. Weapons are not permitted inside the universal and members are required to check them at the door with security.



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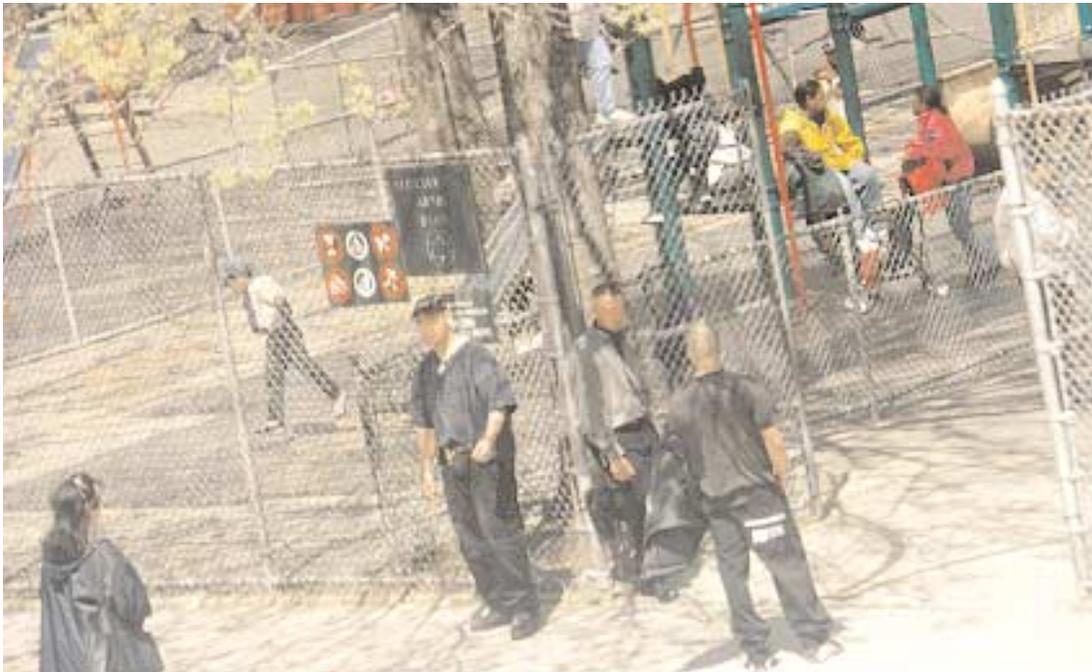
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Meeting Structure

The second type of gang gathering is a borough tribe meeting which is held in an isolated area of a park or playground. The members congregate in a circle (simulating their 360 degrees concept), where again a security team (sometimes outfitted in camouflage attire) is situated outside of the circle, safeguarding members' weapons. After the leader speaks, the members in attendance respond with "Amor de Rey" and display the Latin King (hand) crown sign. At these meetings, the members are usually wearing their colors and beads.



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Meeting Structure

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Origin

In 1975, Carlos Torres Irriarte, aka “La Sombra”, was incarcerated in the “El Presidio” prison in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. He allegedly witnessed many crimes and abuses committed by other inmates, and in 1977 founded the prisoner’s rights group, called “The Monacillos Group.” In 1980 the group became known as Association Neta, which maintained a strong foothold many prisons in Puerto Rico.

In 1981, a rival prison gang, known as the Insectos, wished to regain control of the prison. They shot and killed Irriarte. Six months later, in retaliation for the death of their founder, a Netas member murdered the Insectos gang leader.

The word Neta is an expression of joy and happiness taken from an ancient Indian ritual practiced by the Taino Indians in Puerto Rico. With the birth of a newborn baby, the parents waited for the first night of the half moon. They would go to the highest mountain and lift the baby into the air in moon’s direction. The couple would shout the word Neta (which means “new birth”) three times, to celebrate their thankfulness for this new life, noble and clean, into the world.

“Many stories are told about our movement, struggle and bloody battles. You will meet other brothers who have fought and lived for the struggle. These tales contain alot of conflicting and confusing information, but remember why the struggle started, why they were fought and why we are warriors. What is important is the philosophy and norms of the Association. As Neta warriors, we have an obligation to speak out as Carlito did, against abuse and injustice.”

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History in NYC

While originating out of a prison gang the Netas have successfully expanded their association throughout the United States, including New York City. This gang is predominantly a drug dealing organization, and is also involved in a variety of other crimes including burglary, robbery, firearms trafficking, etc. The gang was the subject of a federal racketeering investigation in the New York City, involving murder (and attempts), assaults and other violent acts.

An elaborate folk story exists on the how the Netas originated on Rikers Island, the main New York City correctional facility. The Taino Indians (the Netas ancestors) believed trees to be Mother Earth’s servants: building houses, supplying food, shade, wood, paper, filtering the air, etc. Furthermore, the Netas founding father also liked to read under the shade of a tree. Hence, the Netas philosophy incorporates the symbol of a tree; believing that if a tree is cut down, its spirit and essence is terminated. However, through the sacrifice of one tree, the gang believes many trees have grown, and the wind has carried their seeds, which ultimately settled on earth on Rikers Island!

Additionally, Rikers Island symbolizes “Plant Neta,” where each detention facility is part of the Neta tree. The Neta trunk is the main men’s facility, which is the trees foundation and the Neta Roots consist of nine branches, the West Facility, the North Facility, Beacon, C-73, C-95, the Tombs, and the Brooklyn, Bronx, and Queens detention centers. The Neta Water is C-76 and C-74, which provides the tree with water from rain and springs; the Neta Ground is all of New York, the soil and source of nourishment for the tree; and the Neta Fruits are all the brothers that are able to fall from the tree and plant new samplings.





Gang Structure

The Netas have a clearly established hierarchical structure. The entire gang chapter participates in an election process in order to determine who will hold these six leadership positions. These positions are based on the prospective leader's knowledge of the gang's "study points." These points consist of 38 different points pertaining to the gang's origins, history, and other gang symbolism.

I. Leader: The President

II. Vice President: Is second in command

III. Secretary: Records information from meetings and performs administrative duties

IV. Treasurer: Collects the dues and handles the funds, bank accounts and disbursements of money

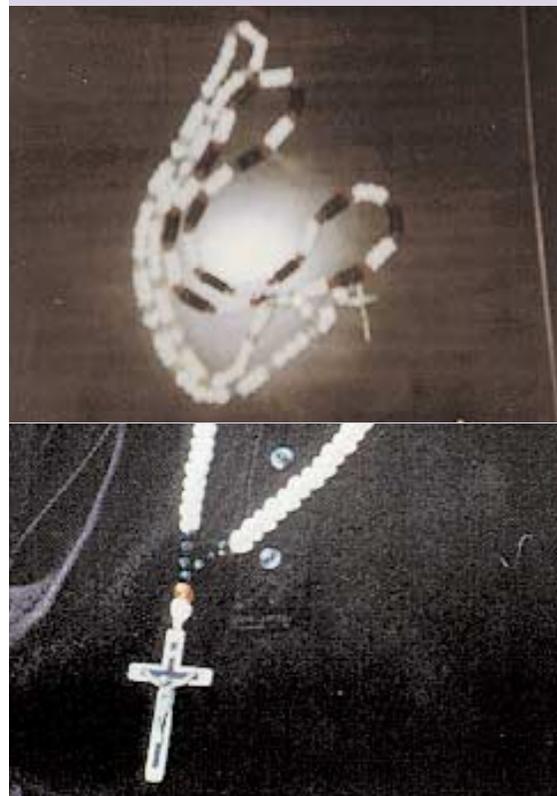
V. Disciplinarian: Carries out sanctions for members violating the rules

VI. Security: Maintains the arsenal and protects those members hiding out. He carries out or leads missions set forth by the leaders.

The Netas daily functions are controlled by the local presidents and his staff. The president will order their membership to conduct missions and bring money into their group via criminal activity, predominantly through drug trafficking.

The Colors

The Netas colors are red, white and black, with blue sometimes being substituted for black. Black symbolizes the mourning of their founder and leader, and all other gang members who have lost their lives for the gang. White symbolizes peace, harmony and tranquility, which the gang believes they must continually strive to attain. Red symbolizes the bloodshed of their deceased gang members as well as the blood that will continue to shed by current and future members.



The Netas, like the Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation, also wear beaded necklaces, which signify certain gang ideologies. The 78 white beads represent the 78 towns in Puerto Rico. The 7 black beads represent the seven prisons in Puerto Rico. The one black bead in the center has a second meaning, representing Carlos La Sombra, the gang's founder. The single red bead represents the blood that has been spilled and will be spilled in the future. The single white bead represents living in peace and harmony. The single green bead in the back of the necklace represents hope. The necklace sometimes also has a crucifix attached.

National Salute



The Netas hand sign is made by the member, and is then extended outward to the member receiving the greeting. Sometimes the phrase "100% de Corazon" is also stated by the gang member. The index finger symbolizes the weak, the middle finger represents the Netas, the ring finger represents the Netas administration, the pinky finger represents "El Monota" (the Insectos, the Netas founder's rival gang in prison), and the thumb represents Carlos Torres Iriarte (the Netas founder).

Seven Steps to Initiation

Prospective Netas members must initially know the gang's seven steps prior to being baptized and sworn in the gang. **The following material contained on this page through page 102 was confiscated by New York City Police Department Detectives from an actual Netas member.**

1. Know the history of Association Neta
2. Know and live our twenty-five norms
3. Know the seven prisons in Puerto Rico
4. Know our three colors and their meaning

5. Know and respect our prayer
6. Know the significance of our beads
7. Know why you want to be a Neta

The Oath

Once the prospective member knows the gang's seven steps, he must then be baptized into the organization by taking the gang oath:

"I swear to God and the Neta Association from this day on, I will live conscious to finish with the abuse that we confront, because of the administration and a group of individuals called 'Insectos' (their original rival gang from Puerto Rico).

From this day on I will live conscious of my Neta brothers. Your suffering and pitfalls will be mine. Your bloodshed will be my bloodshed also. For this reason, I will never intend to take a life of a brother Neta.

I swear to never violate the rules, regulations and principals of the Neta Association. I understand that once violated, I have to accept the consequences for any of them. I will respect my leaders and will protect them so that the movement will always stand strong."

Fight, Share, Progress, and Live in Harmony. Association Neta - 150% Corazon (Heart)

Once the oath is administered, the person must sign a sworn form witnessed by three other gang members. It is then kept on file at the chapter's headquarters. The oath states:

"I swear in the presence of my brothers and Almighty God that when I accept to be a brother of the Neta Association I will live by the norms, and jealously protect them in my mind and heart. I will never kill another brother or his family. Your suffering will be my fight brother, their bloodshed will be mine also. I will be a warrior if it is necessary, so that the dreams of our brothers and leader Carlos La Sombra will be strong forever. I will fight against the abuse of the Insectos and the corruption of the administration everyday of my life. I except its ideals and I will respect the norms and leaders forever."



Norms (Rules)



Once the initiation process is complete, the new member will receive a copy of the gang's twenty-five "norms" or rules. Any violation of these rules will result in a sanction with a penalty, which would consist of anyone of the following punishments: writing the rule in which the member broke five hundred times, a physical beating within a certain time limit, a specified number of smacks in the butt with shower scandal, or the ultimately punishment, being terminated from the gang.

1. Do not steal under any circumstances.
2. Do not treat a man like a woman unless he feels like one.
3. Do not fight with your brothers at any time.
4. Do not use a weapon against another man unless it is necessary or it will be used against you.
5. Do not call anyone a snitch unless you have papers to prove it.
6. Ask for a green light (approval to take someone out) when necessary.
7. Do not get into visits unless invited.
8. Do not get into anyone else's conversation unless invited.
9. Respect all races, sex and religions.
10. Do not play with your hands.

11. Do not use foul words in your vocabulary.
12. Do not flash your private parts to anyone.
13. If you get high, do not demonstrate it to the administration.
14. Do not provoke the administration or situation that can and will bring the association problems.
15. Do not spread gossip at all.
16. Do not fight with your companions.
17. Respect the family members of all brothers and companions.
18. Always have a brother present when talking to any officer or administration.
19. Maintain good personal hygiene.
20. When you get a written message, make a copy.



- 21.** Do not borrow anything unless you can pay it back.
- 22.** Respect other people's sleep.
- 23.** Let street problems stay on the street.
- 24.** Respect your leader's decisions and live according to your norms always.
- 25.** If you fail on any one of these rules, you will be dealt with accordingly. Keep these rules in your minds and hearts forever.



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“ Every eye that’s closed is not asleep. Every eye that’s open is not seen.

Struggle, share, progress and live in harmony.”

Meetings

Netas meetings are not as flamboyant as other gangs, however, they do conduct informal meetings, usually in schoolyards or public parks, and in the winter months they hold them in community centers.

The gang also participates in a celebration called “grito”, on the thirtieth day of each month. At the commencement of grito they have a moment of silence, followed by a reading of Psalm 23 (The Lord is my Shepard, I shall not want...), continued by a reading of their own gang prayer, indicated below. They then have a “shout-out”, which is basically a pep rally proclaiming the superiority of the Association Neta gang. The grito concludes with the Neta hand salute, between brothers or “hermanitos,” showing each other love and support.

“ Many the spirit of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the memory of our maximum leader, Carlos Torres Iriate, aka Carlos La Sombra; and the rest of our brothers that lost their lives in the struggle, reign in our hearts and minds forever and ever. . .”

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The Warrior

The gang consider themselves warriors, and identify with the “Los Macherteros,” and their revolutionary philosophy in providing Puerto Rican independence. They believe the warrior to be comprised of three hearts:

First Heart: is for the suffering and what you feel for your brothers.

Second Heart: is for helping your brothers in need.

Third Heart: is for when we have to fight for our rights and confront the enemy and spill blood.

The three points of a Neta warrior are peace, love and harmony.

“ A warrior is not one who goes to battle or kills people. A warrior is a person who demonstrates integrity in actions and controls his life. A warrior’s courage is impeccable, but more is his patience and desires. He lives each moment aware; regretting and feeling bad about himself. The warrior looks at all. Briefly he wants to live life impeccably. It is a big mistake to live haunting your self simply because you start to lie to yourself of what is the truth. Idiots go where the wise won’t go. Conditions are always correct for people that delay their actions until everything is on their side...”

ASSOCIATION NETA...
DE CORAZON (Heart) 100%

FOR PEOPLE WILL PERISH FOR LACK OF
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Target Locations

The Netas are not known to divide themselves into different sets (like other gangs) and are found throughout the city. Their criminal activity consists of narcotics and weapons trafficking, homicides, robberies, assaults and burglaries.



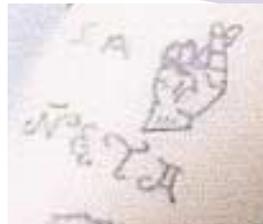
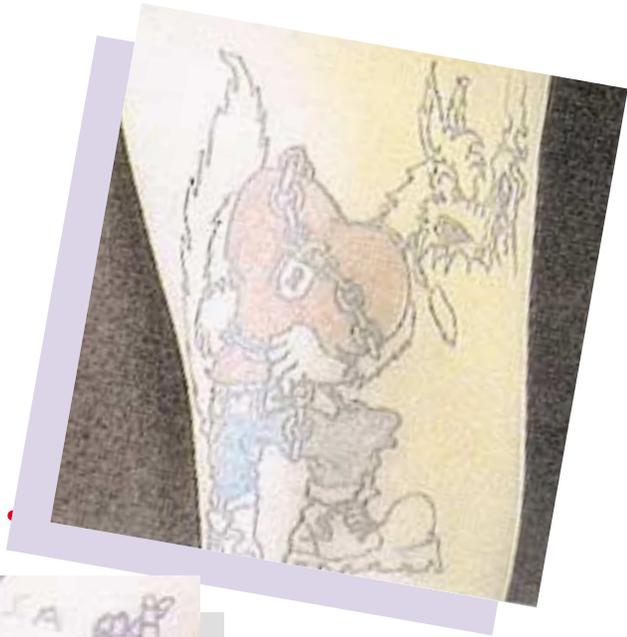
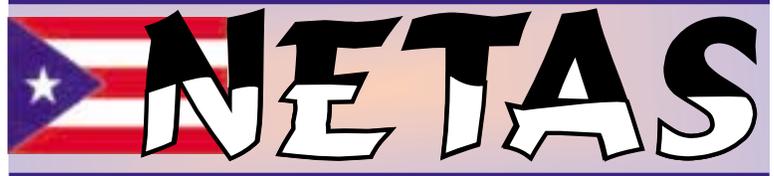
Graffiti

The Netas, like other gangs, use graffiti to mark their particular set's territory. This graffiti is usually written on walls, sidewalks or fences to exclaim their gang pride. They also use it to disrespect rival gangs by marking the neighborhood as their "turf." The Netas usually write the gang's name, their slogan (150% de corazon), hearts, etc.



Tattoos

The Netas, like most gang members, adorn various parts of their body with tattoos. Their gang's name, their slogan (150% de corazon), hearts, the Puerto Rican flag.





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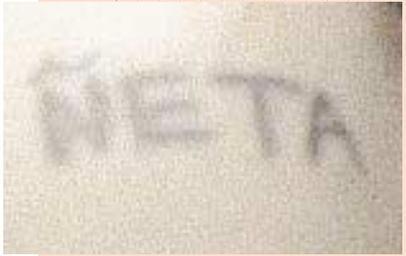
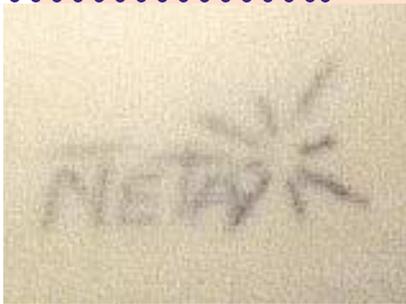


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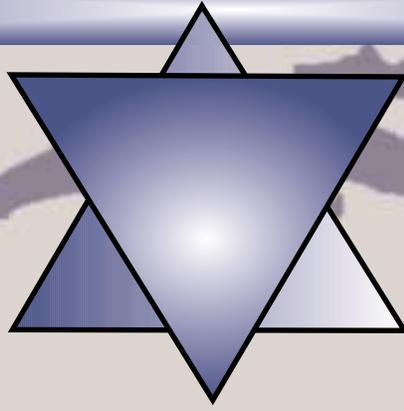
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Origin

During the 1960's, many gangs were involved in a violent crime wave that swept through South Central Los Angeles. Two individuals, Stanley "Tookie" Williams and Raymond Washington formed one of these gangs called the "Baby Avenues," whose name was eventually changed to the "Avenue Crips." By early 1972, the name "Crib" was gradually substituted with "Crip." Various stories exist on the gang name's actual origin. Crip is believed to have originated from "Crib," however, it might also have been derived from the "Tales of the Crypt" television series. Crip is also thought to be an acronym standing for Common Revolution in Progress.

Crips activity started on Los Angeles high school campuses including such sets as the "East Side Crips," the "West Side Crips," the "Compton Crips," etc. Also, several existing gangs incorporated the Crip name into their current gang set's name; for example, the "Main Street Gangstas" became the "Main Street Crips. Other Crips sets included the "Kitchen Crips," the "Deuce Crips," the "Rollin' 20 Crips," etc. Although these gangs adopted the Crips name, some remained independent and maintained their own leadership and members. Furthermore, these sets constantly fought each other, engaging in various criminal activities including extortion, assault, robbery, etc. Additionally, with the influx of the crack cocaine trade in the 1980's, the Crips, along with many other street gangs, became heavily involved in the narcotics trafficking / distribution scene, which necessitated their need for firearms and other weapons.

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History in NYC

The Crips continued to steadily expand across the United States, their criminal activity being first observed in New York City in 1993. The first Crips set forming in the city was the Harlem Crips; with some of these members having arrest histories in California. Furthermore, the Harlem Crips eventually became renamed to the Rollin' Thirties Crips, which is directly connected to the Los Angeles based Crips set. The Rollin' Thirties Crips organized a lucrative narcotics operation in the city, creating turf wars with existing gangs such as the Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation, the Bloods, etc. Members receive tremendous respect if they commit violence against other rival gang members or law enforcement



“What's on
the tip of
your fork?
BLOOD KILLER!”



Gang Structure

The Crips are considerably less structured and organized when compared to other gangs that align themselves with Folks / People Nation street gangs. Each Crip set basically has their own individual structure, however, all sets usually have one "head" leader, with the second head-in-charge known as the "half man."

Gang Initiation

The initial five members of the set are "blessed in," which is admittance into the gang with a mere handshake from the set head. Members may also be born into a set. However, set members may recruit prospective gang members by seeking their set head leader's approval. If the head believes the individual to be Crips material, he will inform the probationary member that he will be "loc-ed" in, by having six other veteran Crips members jump and "beat him down" for sixty seconds, in order to be accepted into the set. Once this procedure is completed, the members must continually prove themselves by "drinking milk," which is "drawing blood from a slob," by slashing, shooting or badly beating a Bloods gang member.

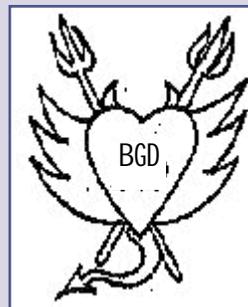
Gang Colors and Enemies

Crips colors are blue, signifying members as "soldiers" and grey, signifying that they are in "war." East coast Crips wear all their bandannas, hats, tattoos and piercings on the left-hand side, whereas west coast Crips wear everything on the right.

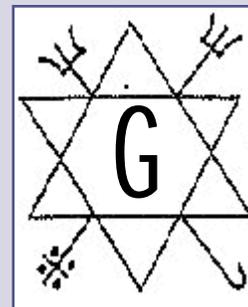
The Crips align themselves with Folk/People Nation gangs, such as Folk Neta, Latin Kings and Zulu Nation. Although inconsistencies do exist between different Crips sets, and certain sets might sympathize with different rival gangs, all Crips' sets consider the Bloods the arch-enemy. Everytime a Crip member writes the letter "B," he is to put a slash through this letter. Currently, even though the Bloods still outnumber the Crips in the city, membership is continually increasing, and subsequently, many Rikers Island Bloods are converting to the Crips, and the Crips now outnumber the Bloods nationwide.

Gang Emblems

Since Crips align themselves with Folk gangs, they share many different types of symbols that signify the gang. Some of their symbols are illustrated below: the six-pointed star, "6", "C", the pitchfork, the devil's tail, a winged-heart and sword.



"BGD" stands for Black Gangsta Disciples, aka, "Better Growth & Development"



"G" stands for Gangsta.

The Creed

According to the gang, their creed states *"this organization is built upon the three points of the staff. One for the bettering of unity. Yes, we believe in one star and there is no better. As King David said 'if we all don't go down, then we don't go down.'*

Gang Sets

Many different gang sets exist in the city, concentrated in different neighborhoods. They use various names, and also prefer to use acronyms or numbers to represent the set's official name, especially when creating graffiti, such as Black Gangsta Disciples or "BGD." Furthermore, the original New York sets are Eight Deuce Trey and Rollin' 30's. However, some of the sets listed below grew out of these original sets, developing into sub-sets.

Additionally, Black Gangsta Disciples, Deuce Mob, Folk Crips, Outlaws and United Kings, might possibly be separate gangs, but are sympathetic with the Crips, and are considered to be "cousins." Also, the Canarsie Crips, the New Born Crips and the Wilmoir Crips may no longer exist, or might have been absorbed into another set.

- **Black Gangsta Disciples 247**
(73 pct.)
- **Blue Steel**
(75 pct.)
- **Canarsie Crips**
(69 pct.)
- **Death Row**
(47 pct. / Bronx areas)
- **Deuce Mob**
(120 & 122 pcts.)
- **Dove C or Dub C**
(67 pct.)
- **East Coast Mafia**
(70 pct.)
- **East Side Trey Deuce**
(70 pct.)
- **Eight Ball Crips**
(Bronx area)

- **823 (Eight Deuce Trey)**
(67, 73, 103, 113, 106 & 112 pcts.)
- **Folk Crips**
(67, 70 pcts. & Bronx area)
- **Five Boro**
(all areas)
- **500 Blue Notes**
(73 pct.)
- **55 C**
(67 & 73 pcts.)
- **Grape Street or 81 Grape Street**
(100 & 101 pcts.)
- **G Stone**
(67 & 63 pcts.)
- **Gully Gangstas**
(70 & 71 pcts.)
- **Insane Gangstas**
(69, 47 pcts. & Bronx area)
- **New Born Crips**
(67 & 73 pcts.)
- **Nine Deuce Hoover Crips**
(30 & 32 pcts.)
- **Outlaws**
(67 pct.)
- **Payback Crips**
(79 & 81 pcts.)
- **Rollin' 30's**
(25, 28, 75 pcts.)
- **Rollin' 30's Mad Circle**
(32, 42, 47 pcts.)

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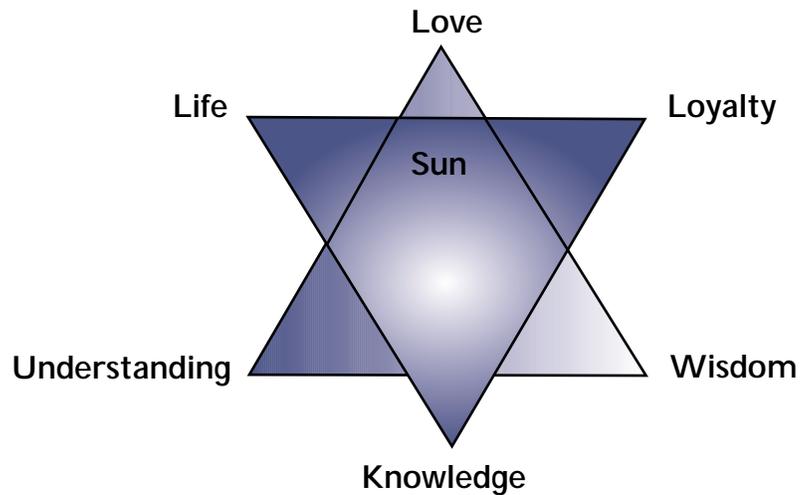
- **Sally Gangstas**
(67 & 73 pcts.)
- **Sally Matthews Crips**
(67 & 73 pcts.)
- **Saratoga Playboys/Girls**
(73 pct.)
- **ShotgunCrips**
(67 & 71 pcts.)
- **Silent Murder Crips**
(79 & 81 pcts.)
- **Slope Mafia**
(72 & 78 pcts.)
- **Smash Crips**
(69 & 73 pcts.)
- **274 Hoova Deuce**
(71 pct.)
- **21 Guns**
(79 pct.)
- **21st Mafia Crips**
(70 pct.)
- **United Gangsta Crips (UGC)**
(67, 73, Brooklyn South area pcts.)
- **United Kings (UK)**
(70 pct.)
- **Wilmohr Crips**
(67 pct.)

Flag Colors

Although no actual gang flag exists, the members are required to know the flag's colors and their significance: blue (soldier), black (gangsta), grey (folk), purple (war) and green (money).

Significance of the Star

The six-pointed star represents all of the street gangs within the Folk nation. Each point of the star has a meaning, as shown below.



“**B**ehind the Sun,
the Golden
Fork...
Behind the clouds and
stars... **GANGSTER
CITY!**”

Code Numbers

The Crips have their own codified language, speaking in phrases which relate to certain gang terms and actions. This language is an attempt by gang members, upon induction into the gang, to keep the speech between members clandestine; so that law enforcement officers are unable to decipher what is actually being said among the members. These numbers and codes are applicable to the street and are subsequently important to officer safety, especially those code words pertaining to weapons, a sampling of which is contained in the following pages.

Although these numbers and codes are updated and changed quite frequently (based on the whims of the “superiors” of the gang), a sampling of the most popular words are listed on the following pages. Some code words are self-explanatory, however, others require some clarification, which is explained in the parentheses.

000 - Snitch

039 - Love for all Crips

031 - Love for all Slobs
(a Blood)

007 - Guns

101 - Enemy

187 or 18 - To kill a “slob”, catch a body, a hit (a Blood)

10/10 - Cops

20/20 – Watch what you say

211 - To rob someone, jack a fool

360 - When a Slob (Blood) or a Hook (Latin King), is seen, or a Crip or Folk is in trouble

405 - Violation of gang conduct (member disobeys gang rules)

407 - Violation in progress (member is disobeying gang rules)

408 - Watch what you say

409 - Be alert

410 - Folk in battle (the gang is part of “folk” gangs)

412 - Posse up (members assembling together)

420 - Disciple in trouble
(gang member)

6 - Police

“What’s under your bed? Two pieces of bacon, a bowl of knowledge and a glass of slobs.”

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Code Words

Black Flag - Kill

Chessmen - Crips

Chia Man & da Kima - Bloods

Dice - Hit

Drinking Milk - slashing an individual, preferably a Blood member

Dog Face - Infiltrator

Drivin' Iron - Investigate

Garage - Cell

Gong Show - Visit

Hand Candy - Knife

Headlight - Money

History - Codes (speak using codes)

Hot Wheel - Hacksaw

Loc-ed or C-Loc-ed - Getting a beat down to be admitted into a set

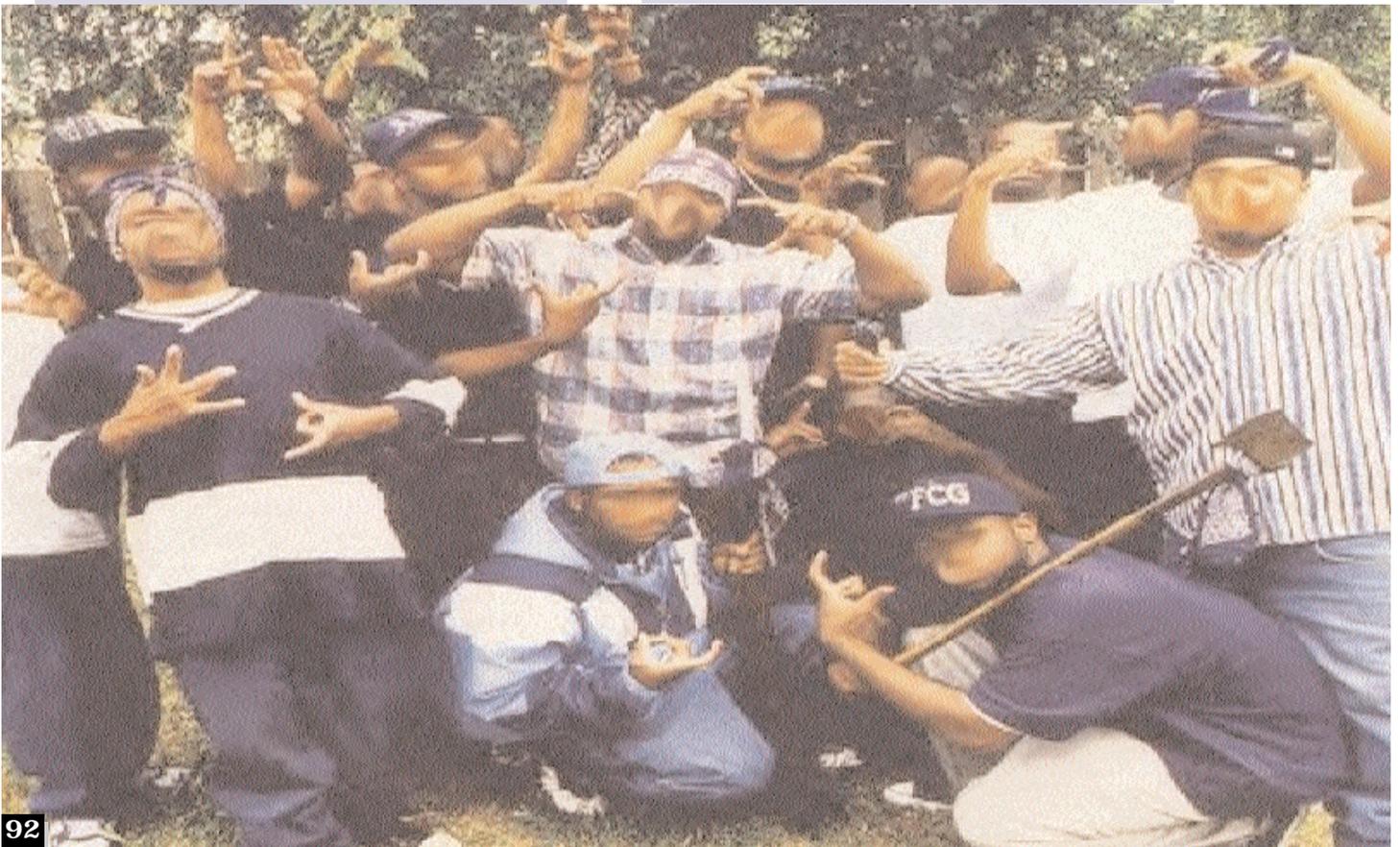
Library - Information

Mafia - Police

Mar's Bar - Bomb

Medicine Cabinet - File

Park - School



Payday - Zipgun

Playhouse - Hospital

Pool Room - Gym

Recruit - Workers

Reporter - Informer

Rollers - Transfer

Shark - Traitor

Show Biz - Family Visit

Swiss - Bikers

C-6 - Police in da mist

C-C-C - Fk the police**

C-Rip - Tear his head off

C-101 - Enemy in da mist

C-50, 50 or 50/50 - Gun

**C-50/50 - Keep or cock
your gun**

C's up - What's up cuz

C-10 - Stay on point

**C-15 - Somethin' about to
go down**

C-25 - Who's that?

Cuz - Fellow Crip brother

**Freezing - A lot of Blue
(the gang's color)**

Flatline - Till the death

7up - A cuz's wifey

Slob - Blood member

Leech - Slob

**Shrimps - Latin Kings or
Netas members**

Clowns - Latin Kings

Miata's - Netas member

**~~B~~K - Slob (Blood) killer
(always with slash through the letter "B",
disrespecting the Bloods)**

~~K~~B - Keep Banging

**Banging - Getting at
Slobs**

**Drink milk - To slice an
enemy**

Get Gull-e - To fight

Bag of Cookies - Bullets

U heard - Understand

**Straight like that - No
more to be said**

**C-life or No life - Cuz for
life**

**What's under your bed -
What work have you put
in**

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Bloody Body - U drink a slob's milk (kill or injure a Blood member)

K-Swiss - Kill a Slob when I see a Slob

Adidas - Anyday I do a Slob

Dead Dog - A 187 on a Slob

Bucket of Slobs - Got gull-e on some Slobs wit my cuz

Ghetto Superstar - Well-known person.

Put in work - Drank milk (211 or AK-47)

Courted in - Initiation into gang by passing their "test"

Flaggin' - Disrespect by showing of enemy flag

Brims - Bloods (Slobs or Pirus)

Crabs - Disrespectful term for a cuz, who is a "lobsterhead" or a "snoops"

G-down - Showing of colors

Brownies - Gloves worn for putting in work

Slippin' - Not paying attention

Blue stream - Banging (killing or injuring someone)

Ice-up - Not yet or wait

Butthead or Beans - Crack

Beavis - Coke

C-Straight - Weed

Campaigning - Letting your set be known

Wallbanging - Creating graffiti

Mounting up - Starting out on a mission

High roller - Rich individual in ghetto

Dead - Disrespectful term for red, the Bloods' color

K-9 - Snitch

Rat pack - Jump someone

Hit-up - To ask of another set

Clot - Stupid person

Grind - Hustle

6 to the Head - Kill all Slobs

Triple L's - Learn,

Listen, Love

Triple D's - Dedicating, Devotion, Discipline

Blue light – A hit

Blue Steel - Crip banger

Military Minds – Scheme

Zoid - Chickenhead

Lizm - Tall

Yugo - Short

Code of Honor

The Crips, like most street gangs, have their own set of rules and regulations, which must be memorized and practiced everyday for the rest of the member's life. **The following material contained on this page was confiscated by New York City Police Department Detectives from an actual United Gangsta Crips member.** The rules are set in denominations of two, because the gang usually uses only even numbers (for some unknown reason) when composing gang materials for distribution.

2. C-life, for life, or no life Cuzz! Once you receive this code, there is no turning back now. C-life from the Cradle to the Casket Cuzz! The sky is blue, I bang blue and I wanna C all slob die!

4. Dress Code is blue and gray, when out of dress code, wear other colors (white, orange, green, purple, black, etc.). You must flag or pocket sag. No red at all whatsoever! Green is a Folk color that these New York slob are trying to claim. Folk is Crip first Cuzz, so if you wear green, you must memorize this code. Yellow is Latin King, stay away from it even

though they are not enemies, but they are not cuzz either. Purple and gold/orange are United Kingdom Crips colors.

6. When dealing with slob, first make sure that they are real slob, not just wannabees. Before you set trip and let them know that you are cuzz, make sure they are flagging. If they are not flagging or tucking their rags, then just let them know you are Cuzz by throwing up your signs in the air (not just on your chest) and calling them out with their real name slob! If you jump off with the fool, don't play him too close because these New York slob stay trying to play tag with them razor blades. If you need to retaliate, seek revenge and get back the slob. Remember to mention it to a head during any meeting so he could put a 187 on the slob set. You know you got an entire family of ridahs ready to put in work with you Cuzz? Do not deal with no slobets! You can't trust slob at all, male or female, if they know where you rest at, they will give up that info to their fellow dogs. Dog does not mean slob, it means homeboy, these New York slob are adding stuff as they go along. Crippin' it up is not just about fighting slob, remember that!

8. When greeting a fellow Cuzz, first check if he is flagging or in dress code, then hollar him out with a greeting such as "What's up Cuzz?" or "Ceez up Cuzz" or "What the C-life like?" When you show Cuzz love, ask him where he from or what set he claim. Let him know what your Cuzz to maintain and C-safe.



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10. Some neutrals are cool, but stay away from those 50/50 stack fruit cakes, cause they will always give you up when they are on the hot seat! Don't role with too many neutrals cause if you get into static they may not jump off with you. Rolling with neutrals is not a good choice for you or the neutral. Meaning if slob step to the neutral and he admits he isn't Cuzz, it makes him look like a fool and you a mark cause you are with him and he doesn't throw it up.

12. Crip common knowledge: everything is on the left side, when flagging and pocket sagging. All loc numbers should be even. When writing you must cross out all "b's." Learn the slang from your head, half-mans and your experienced G's. Apply your lessons to your lifestyle. Crippin' it up is not a gang, it is a way of life through stages (baby, Lil G, Straight G, and O.G.). It is a positive cause for uniting the ghettos of this wicked nation. Our original home is in the hoods of Los Angeles and Long Beach, California. It is now a nationwide family from L.A. down to Houston over to Atlanta up to the Carolinas, Virginia, Maryland and New York, and many more hoods across this nation!

14. Friends of ours all follow similar principles: Folks throwin' C's up. Enemies of ours are savages that follow a lawless path: Bloods (always call them slob) are enemies of Folks, along with some sets of Vatos Locos,

and just any set that isn't showing us love and respect.

16. You should begin all set activities with stacking Crip for life then our set. Please don't claim B.K. until you put in the work. Cuzz, it is only a matter of time til you go on a G ride. Learn your signs from your stacking lessons and your heads, half-mans and experienced G's.

18. All violators are given two warnings. If you violate again, you have to hit the square! The following are violations: out of dress and no flag, late to meetings or not showing up (you must call a head or half-man), fighting a fellow loc for no reason worth scrapping for, not showing love to fellows locs, wearing red (no excuse!), dealing with slob / slobets and showing them love, not going out for or running on or snitching on a fellow Cuzz, or sharing Crip information with anyone who isn't Cuzz.

20. Never let anyone take your flag away from you. Never share your codes of honor with neutrals and slob. Only walk with your codes if necessary. You should maintain it in your memory and heart. Remember no razors, we don't eat food, we drink milk!

LEARN YOUR CODES OF HONOR,
HAVE PRIDE IN IT AND RESPECT
IT! STAY SAFE CUZZ!

Clothing

The Crips wear blue and gray clothing, which signifies their gang affiliation. Their wardrobe is similar to other gangs, consisting of beads, bandannas and sports apparel that contains blue in their insignia.



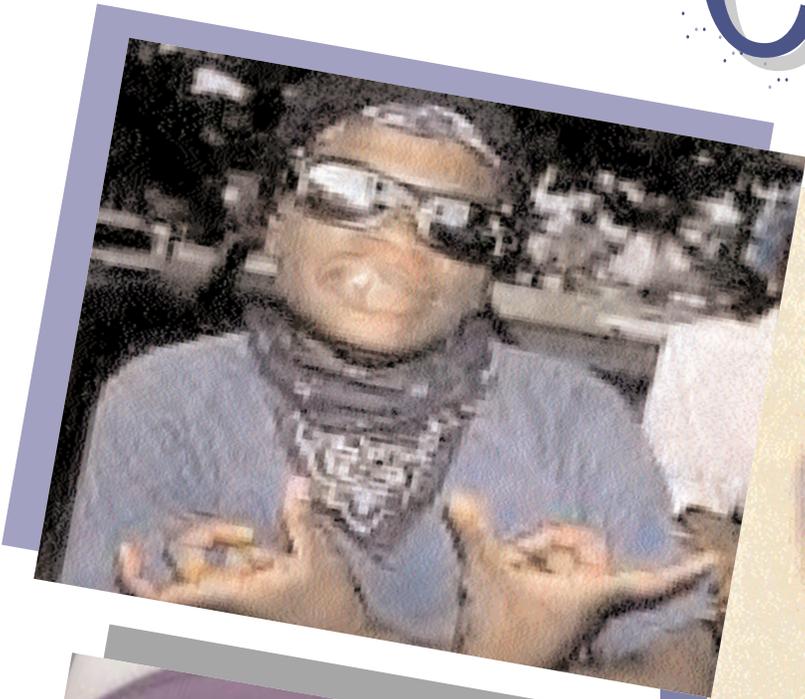
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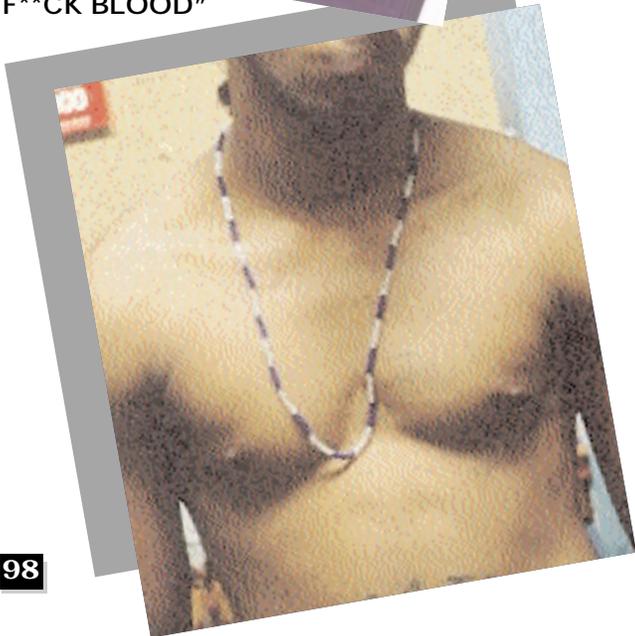
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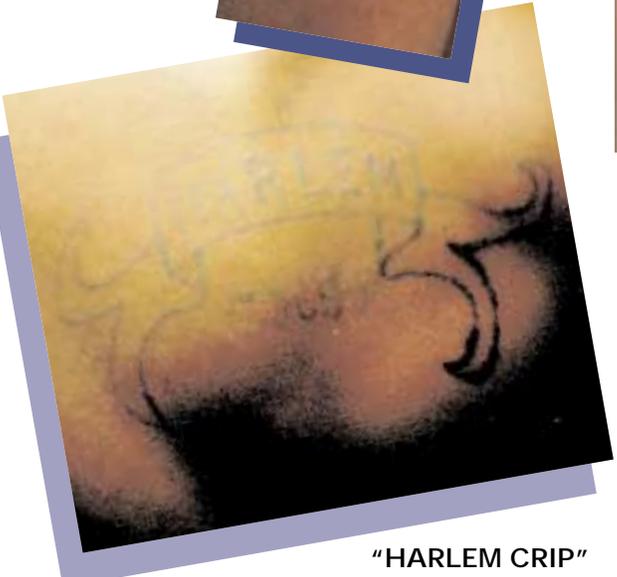
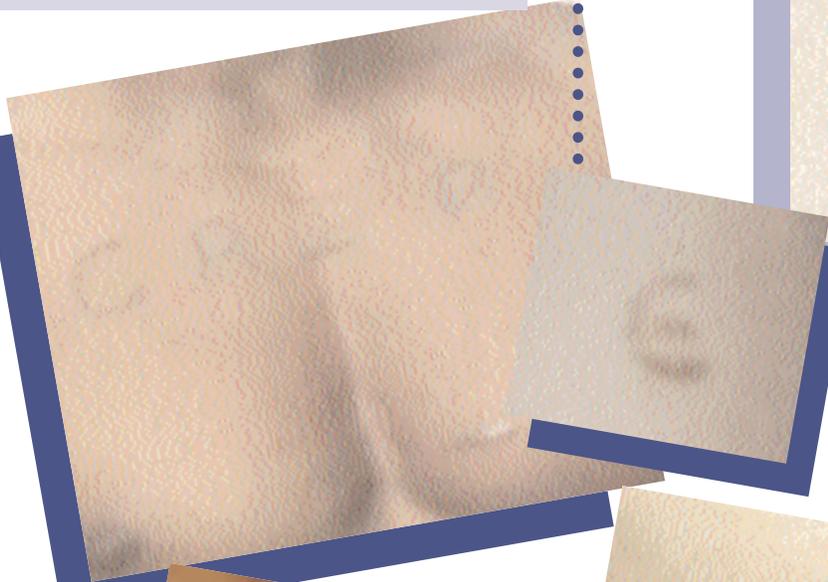
Tattoos & Body Marks

The Crips, like most gang members, adorn various parts of their body with tattoos. Their trademarks are the pitchfork, the six-pointed star, "C", "6", BK (Blood Killer), the letter "U" on top of I (forms a pitchfork), skull and crossbones, etc.



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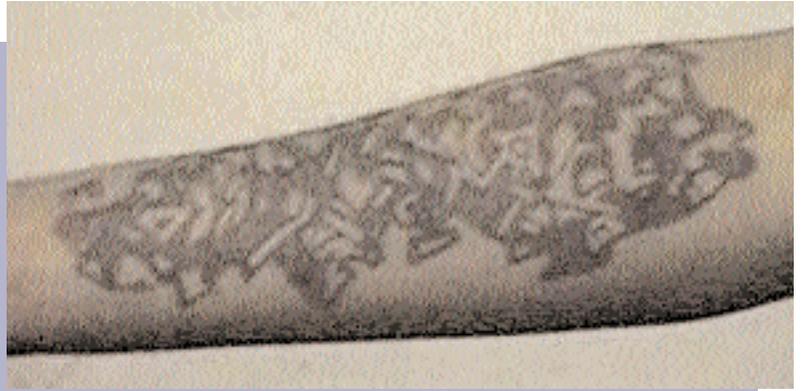


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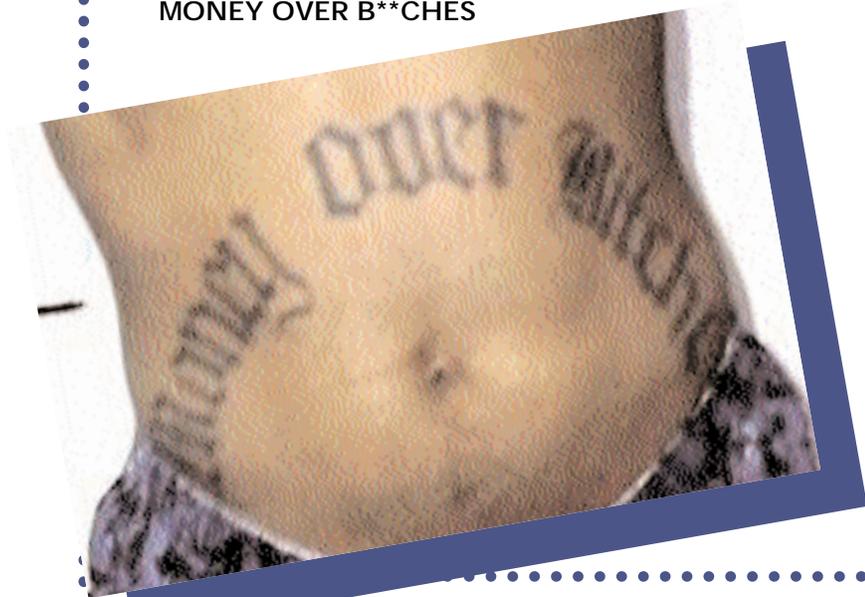
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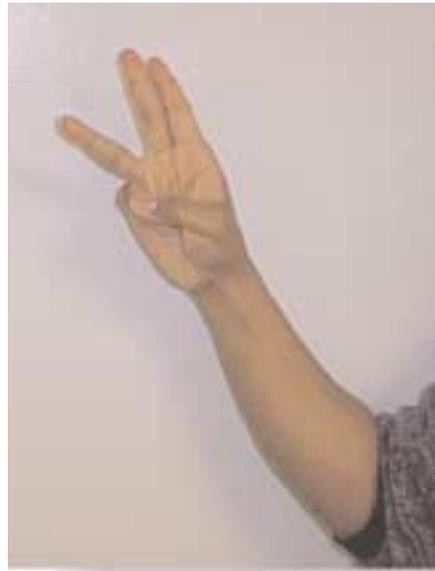


Hand Stacks

The Crips also have their own set of "hand stacks," although they are not as elaborate as their rival gang, the Bloods. These hand signals connote a variety of different meanings, and are a further attempt by gang members to maintain clandestine communication. The hand stacks are updated and changed quite frequently, however, the most popular ones are shown on these pages.



"MAFIA
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DEVIL'S PITCHFORK



"C" FOR CRIPS



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Hand Stacks

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ROLLIN' 60'S CRIPS

A photograph showing a person's hands in a purple long-sleeved shirt. The right hand is in a fist with the index and middle fingers extended, and the left hand is in a fist with the thumb extended.

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EAST COAST CRIPS

A photograph of a hand making a hand stack gesture, with the index and middle fingers extended and the thumb tucked.

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PLAYBOY CRIPS

A photograph of a hand making a hand stack gesture, with the index and middle fingers extended and the thumb tucked.

Their Alphabet

The Crips, like the Latin Kings, also have their own symbolic alphabet, similar to hieroglyphics, which they use in order to secretly communicate with each other. Although some letters formations may vary from set to set, the writings will usually have enough similar characters in order to decipher a message.

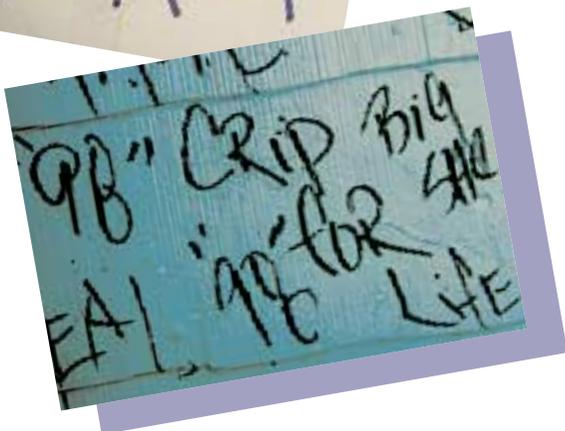
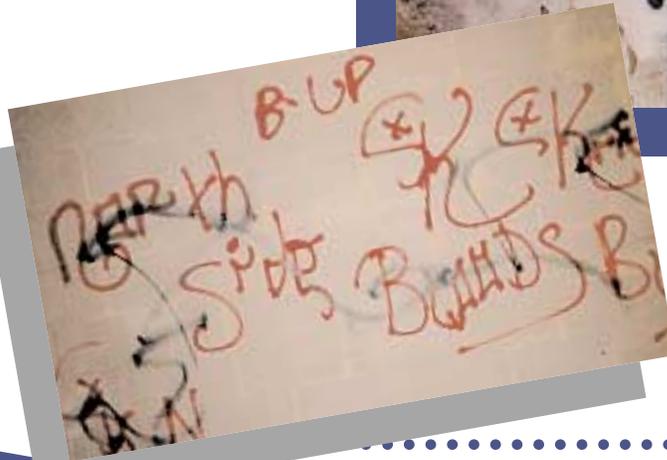


The Crips also have a numbered alphabet, where the numbers and letters connote certain aspects of the gang's ideology (taken from the Five Percenters).

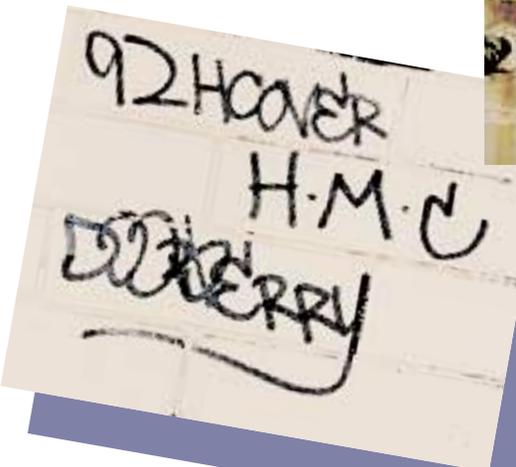
1. **A - All, Allah**
2. **B - Brotherhood, Black, Boys, Bloods, Bum**
3. **C - Crip, Cobra**
4. **D - Death, Discipline, Dragon, Dishonor**
5. **E - Equal, East**
6. **F - Folk, Father**
7. **G - Gangsta, God**
8. **H - Her, He**
9. **I - Islam**
10. **J - Justice**
11. **K - Knowledge, Kill, Kingdom**
12. **L - Latin, Love, Leave, Like**
13. **M - Man, Master**
14. **N - Nation**
15. **O - One, Of**
16. **P - Power, People**
17. **Q - Queen, Quality**
18. **R - Ruler**
19. **S - Son, Set, Struggles**
20. **T - True, Turf**
21. **U - Unity, Universe**
22. **V - Victory**
23. **W - Wisdom**
24. **X - Unknown**
25. **Y - Unknown**
26. **Z - Easy, Zig-Zag**

Graffiti

The Crips, like most gang members, use graffiti to mark their particular set's territory. This graffiti is usually written on walls, sidewalks or fences after a rival gang member has been murdered to show their colors, pride and power. They also use it to disrespect rival gangs by marking the neighborhood as their "turf", and is also used to memorialize deceased gang members. Crips graffiti is not elaborate; it basically consists of their code words, numbers, and set names as well as the same usual trademarks they use for their tattoos.



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Graffiti

“**W**hat’s in your closet? A blue boogie man wit a bag of cookies waiting for Santa Clause to drink his milk.”

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Lessons and Prayers

The Crips have many different sayings and folk stories about the gang's creation, Bloods slaughter stories, etc. The gang refers to these phrases as "lessons", and all members are required to know them verbatim. The following are some samples.

"What's behind the sun? Three seas and a book of knowledge. Crazy Crip City."

"What's under your Bed? Blue boogie man, two strips of bacon and a couple of slob."

"What's under your pillow? Gold 9mm pointed to the right or a .38 turned 360 degrees to the right with a blue bandanna around it."

"What's poppin': Six crackin', 5 droppin', can't stop, won't stop... Blood killer till my casket droppin'...from the great blue sky."

"Why is the sky blue? 'Cause all Crips go to heaven and all slob go to hell."

"What's behind the moon? Blue Flames."

"How did David walk up the stairs to his throne? He turned into a heart of wings and flew."

"Why Crips and Folk so close? Folk was first ruled by David. King Hoover was thinking of forming another

gang, which was the Rollin' 60's. David wasn't with it. Only way David could start a new gang was to be dead on the fifth day (Friday). David got shot by Vice Lord with a .38 Colt six times. Hoover said the gang meeting would go on, so he had meetings, and only 60 members were allowed in."

"What's in your closet? Blue flags or a dead slob hanging in the closet."

"What's on top of the moon? Gangsta City."

"What did you have for breakfast? Scrambled eggs and a bowl of knowledge.."

Crip Prayer: When I die show no pity. Bury my soul in Gangsta City, lay two C's across my chest and tell King Hoover I did my best!

*"Six to the sky, six to cherish, five must die, 5 must perish, six is poppin', six must hit. Five is droppin', five ain't s**t. Six to be crowned, five is beat down. When I die show no pity. Bury me in gangsta city. Apply two pitchforks across my chest. Tell King David I did my best, that I served the set!"*

Crip means Crazy-Ruthless-Insane-People



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MARA SALVATRUCHA MS-13

Origin

The country of El Salvador has been embroiled in a violent civil war that has ensued for a number of years. In the early 1980's the peasant majority of the country, alleging decades of abuse and intolerance, revolted against the Salvadoran government. As a result many people were killed and more than one million Salvadorans fled the war torn country, migrating to the United States. Both illegal and legal Salvadoran refugees began to settle in southern California and Washington D.C. Many of these immigrants were affiliated with El Salvador's original violent street gang, La Mara, which originated in El Salvador in the 1950's. Also, other immigrants were former members of Farabundo Marti Nacional Liberation Front (FMNL), which consisted of peasant guerrilla units trained in firearm and explosive usage as well as booby trap techniques.

Since these immigrants experienced cultural differences and hatred toward other American street gangs, they responded by indulging in extreme violence against these gangs. They eventually became known in the US as Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13), which means "Forever Salvador." The "13" signifies "M," the 13th letter of the alphabet. They also sometimes use "X3," with the "X" signifying the roman numeral for "10."

Today, the gang still operates in their original destination, California and Washington D.C., as well as many other states including Alaska, Oregon, Utah, Nevada, Illinois, Texas, Oklahoma, Georgia, Maryland, Florida and New York.

In the US, MS-13 members have taken aggressive action to avoid arrest since convicted MS-13 gang members who are deported back to El Salvador from the US face severe penalties administered by the Salvadoran judicial system.

History in NYC

Mara Salvatrucha exists in the city, predominantly in Queens, and in minute numbers in Brooklyn South and Manhattan, and also in Nassau and Suffolk counties. Most members are of Salvadoran descent, however, they have also been accepting members from Ecuador and Guatemala.

Gang members are usually employed in landscaping and construction jobs. Gang activity is mostly seen in high schools, and also in establishments that have video games, such as candy stores and laundromats.



Note: The back of the woman's white t-shirt says "S.W.P," which stands for "Salvadorans With Pride," a Long Island rival Salvadoran gang. The photo was taken at a Long Island parade.

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MS-13 Sets

The following gang sets exists in Long Island and in Queens:

- **Jamaica Central (Crew) Los Salvatrucha**
(103 & 107 pcts.)
- **Coronddos (CRS)**
(109 pct.)
- **Woodhaven Los Salvatruchas**
(110, 112, 104 pcts.)

The MS-13 sets do not align themselves with any other gang. They will fight with anyone; their goal is complete and total domination on the street.

The Colors and Clothing

MS-13 gang colors are blue and white. They like to wear blue and white beads as necklaces and bracelets, as well as blue bandannas, the Salvadoran flag and MS-13 baseball caps. They also like to wear rock concert t-shirts, baggy clothing, and may have long hair or clean shaven heads.



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Criminal Activities

Structure

Generally, MS-13 gangs do not have any identifiable organizational structure like most other street gangs. Each set does not necessarily have a leader or president, but if they do, he is usually called the “Shot Caller;” therefore, older members are respected and considered most knowledgeable about gang activities.

The initiation into any MS-13 set usually involves a thirteen second “jump-in,” which is a group assault on the prospective member. The sets are known to use hand signs to communicate. Other than forming the letter “M” with their hands to signify the gang’s name, as shown below on a gang member’s t-shirt, they use a “handsign alphabet” to spell out words.



Meetings

Meetings are usually conducted in Spanish and are held regularly in parks and near school grounds. They usually post lookouts at the meeting locations and will only address each other by their gang nickname. Their discussion will include which gang members have missed prior meetings and how the penalty of a “Calenton” (beating) will be administered to these members.

Within the tri-state area, MS-13 has been associated with many violent crimes including weapons trafficking, murder, assault, extortion, robbery, narcotics, marijuana sales and grand larceny auto.

Unlike most other street gangs, MS-13 has many international connections. Many members maintain a relationship with the Salvadoran military which provide the gang with a convenient method of trafficking military weapons, such as grenades, M-16 rifles, etc., to the US. MS-13 members will also boobytrap their stash houses with grenades, anticipating police raids. Although military weapons are accessible, semi-automatic pistols are not; and the gang is known to accept pistols as a payment for narcotics.

The gang’s propensity for violence should not be underestimated, as they have an apparent link to the Salvadoran civil war, (military training and guerrilla warfare), and must be considered potentially armed and dangerous by law enforcement. Additionally, the Los Angeles Police Department was involved in a military type shootout/standoff with gang members where MS-13 members utilized uniform military tactics and maintained an armed resistance. They also have been responsible for the execution of three federal agents and numerous shootings of other law enforcement officers nationwide.

The gang also conducts a lucrative stolen automobile operation, exporting these cars to South America in exchange for drugs from cartels. In the Queens area, they steal mostly late model Toyotas.

MS-13 also deals in extortion through intimidation, which they consider taxation. They will openly extort legal businesses as well as those conducting illegal activities in their territory. For example, the gang might charge a prostitute or narcotics dealer a predetermined fee for operating on their turf. Failure to comply would surely result in violence.

Furthermore, as a result of search warrants and arrests, individual police officer’s photographs, scanners and uniforms have been confiscated from gang members who seem to be adept at gathering intelligence on law enforcement agencies.

Graffiti

MS-13, like the Mexican gangs, are extremely territorial and frequently mark their turf. MS-13 members will write ("tag") the set's name which will be followed (underneath) by the leader's name. Underneath the leader's name will appear a "roll call" of all the gang members' nicknames (placas). The graffiti shown here is located in Long Island parks.



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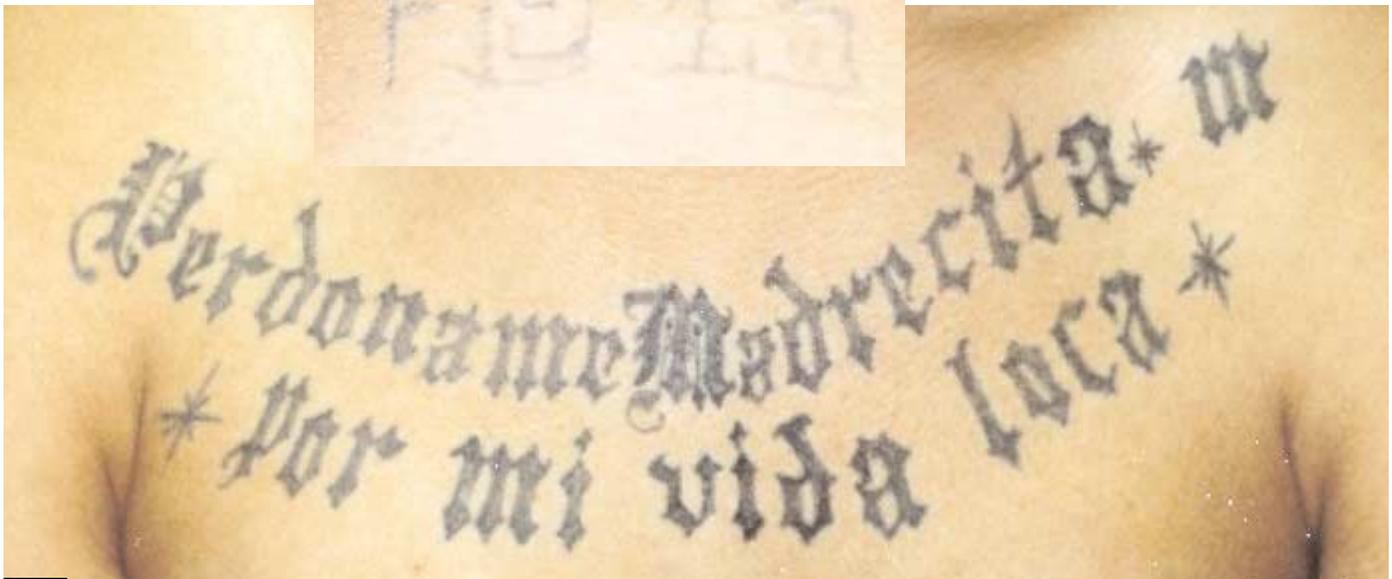
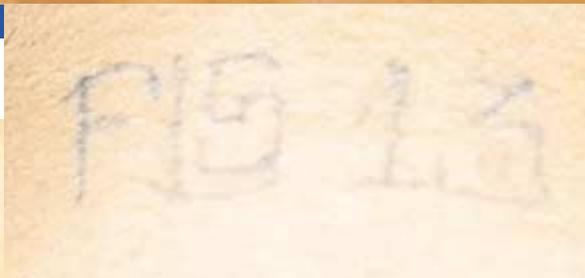
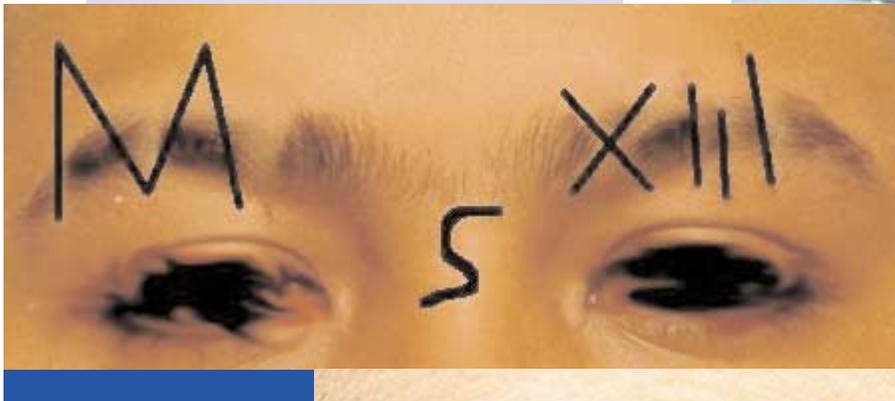
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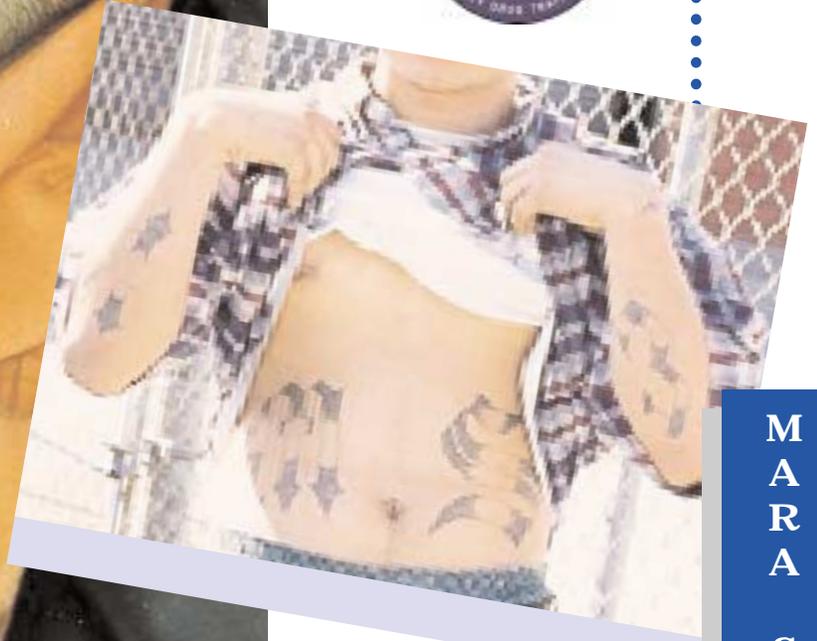
MARA SALVATRUCHA MS-13

Tattoos

Tattoos are very common among MS-13 gang members. They like to tattoo their bodies with the gang's name, using MS-13, or replacing the numbers with roman numerals (XIII) similar to their graffiti writings. Many gang members also shave their eyebrows to form the gang's initials, MS-XIII, as shown in the photo below.



"213" is the old Los Angeles area code. "Sur" or "X3" (13) means that he is a Southern Californian.



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Origin

In the 1920's, southern California experienced an influx of Mexican immigration. In an attempt to cope with the economic hardship encountered, these immigrants established businesses, or were employed in various occupations. Once settled in their new environment, they developed their own neighborhoods or "barrios" with other individuals who shared the same culture.

Eventually, these Mexican immigrants migrated eastward towards New York City which had a growing Hispanic population. These immigrants were confronted with animosity by many people as well as other Hispanics. The Mexican youth were affected by this intense isolation and began to form street gangs that engaged in destructive and criminal behavior.

Most of their criminal activities, including homicides, robberies, prostitution and narcotics are usually directed toward other Mexican-Americans, however, no one is immune.

The Gang Alliances

Many Mexican gangs exist throughout the five boroughs. Many different gangs loosely align themselves with the two major Mexican "umbrella" organizations: La Gran Familia (The Great Family) and La Gran Raza (The Great Nation). These two organizations are indicated on this page, with the affiliated smaller gangs listed underneath. The precincts and areas where these gangs are primarily located are also indicated.



LA GRAN FAMILIA (THE GREAT FAMILY)

- **The Mexican Boys (TMB)**
(the largest gang in this group)
(90 pct.)
- **Wild Chicanos**
(83 pct.)
- **Chicano Nation**
(60, 66 & 72 pcts.)
- **Pitufos**
(108 & 110 pcts.)
- **Ninos Malos**
(72 pct.)
- **Los Primos / 26 del Barrio**
(72 pct.)
- **Cholos**
(40 & 52 pcts.)
- **Cachandos**
(115 pct.)
- **Los Triaviesos**
(24 & 50 pcts..)



(A Mexican west coast prison gang)

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LA GRAN RAZA (THE GREAT NATION)

- **Vatos Locos**
(the largest gang in this group)
(115 & 110 pcts.)
- **M-18**
(Queens, Brooklyn, Bronx pcts.)
- **La Raza**
(60 & 66 pcts.)
- **Sons of Mexico**
(varying pcts.)
- **Los Locos del Bronx**
(Bronx pcts.)
- **Escuadron**

The gangs listed under these two "umbrella" organizations have basically formed alliances with one another. La Gran Familia gangs' enemies are Gran Raza gangs and visa versa. However, Vatos Locos and Los Triaviesos despise all other Mexican gangs and have no allies. Furthermore, the Wild Chicanos have also allied with the Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation, especially associating with one another while in correctional facilities.



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The Colors and Clothing

Most Mexican gang members do not wear beads, however, those gangs affiliated with La Gran Familia sometimes wear green, white and red beads (the Mexican flag colors), and those affiliated with La Gran Raza sometimes wear wooden beads with a cross.

They also do not wear any particular clothing colors, however, their gang attire usually consists of baggy clothing, plaid shirts, baseball caps and backpacks. The members also are fond of ear, eye and nose piercings.



Structure

Mexican gangs differ greatly from other ethnic gangs. They are loosely organized and have no hierarchical structure or gang rules and regulations. Each gang has its own leader and are extremely territorial.

The only sign language the gangs use are hand signs that express the gang's name. For example, a Vatos Locos member might form the letter "V" with his hand to signify the gang's name. This section features some Mexican gang photos, illustrating their use of these particular types of hand signs.

Most Mexican-American gangs have no specific initiation ceremony or sworn baptismal oath. If the individual "hangs-out" or is related to gang members, he/she is initiated through association and thus belongs to the gang. The members like to congregate in parks, parties and billiard halls. Furthermore, they are likely to assign nicknames to their gang members.



Criminal Activities

Common criminal activities of Mexican gangs include assaults, shootings, stabbings (they have a fetish for knives, such as machetes and swords), homicides, prostitution, manufacturing false identification documents, robberies and criminal mischief (such as graffiti). Most violent crimes ironically occur at family functions such as Sweet 15 parties (a Mexican celebration), wedding receptions, baptisms and birthday parties. A dispute will erupt, tempers will flare, and a weapon will be displayed and ultimately used.



Mexican gangs seldomly cooperate with law enforcement. Most Mexican-American gang members, as adolescents, have been told to mistrust the police. In Mexican gang crimes, prosecution is difficult since witnesses are difficult to find and when found, are reluctant to give up information. The majority of Mexican gang members are illegal immigrants and will go to great lengths to protect themselves and their families. Most Mexican gang members who are wanted by the police or other authorities will immediately alter their appearance by dramatically changing their hairstyle, and will sometimes in fact shave their head completely. Gang members being questioned by the police will cover for their fellow gang member by telling the police that the member went back to Mexico.

Since many Mexican gang members are transient and travel from state-to-state looking for per diem employment, (e.g. landscaping, housekeeping, etc.), they are difficult to track down.



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The Shout-out

Mexican gang members like to “party” on the weekends at bars, nightclubs and social functions. The members frequently organize “Q-VO” parties at nightclubs, where they will party with their fellow gang members by proclaiming their superiority over other rival Mexican gangs (e.g. shouting the gang’s name over the disc jockey’s sound system, claiming their gang’s superiority). The members also advertise these parties by distributing flyers throughout the city, as shown on the right.



Code Words

Mexican gangs do not utilize code numbers and words as extensively as other gangs, however, they do communicate using some specific gang terminology.

Caca - Drugs

Chota - Snitch or Rat

Cuetes - Guns

Jefe - Boss

La Eme - Mexican Mafia

La Ley - Law, Police

La Raza - The Race

Mero Mero - Chief

Trucha - Watch out

Vida Loca - Crazy Life

Viva - Long Live

Yierba - Marijuana

#13 - M (13th letter of alphabet)

#13 - Sureno (Southern California)

#14 - Norteno (Northern California)



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OTHER MEXICAN GANGS

- Tres Puntos
- Border Brothers
- Los Primos
- Brown Pride Crew



Graffiti

Since Mexican gangs are very territorial, they always mark their neighborhood domain. They especially like to use the initials of their gang, e.g. Vatos Locos would graffiti a wall with "VL," as shown below. The gangs are also notoriously known for crossing out rival gangs' names as a sign of disrespect and tagging in their own gang's name.

"V. L."



"PITUFOS"



"LA GRAN RAZA"
("THE GREAT NATION")

"TMB"
(The Mexican Boys)



"LA FAMILIA," crossed out by another gang
("LA GRAN FAMILIA - THE GREAT FAMILY")



"NINOS MALOS"

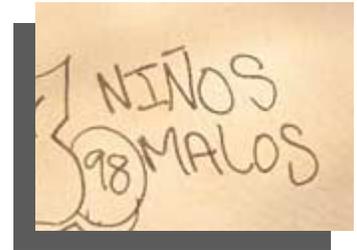


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MEMORIAL SITE OF A MEXICAN GANG MEMBER



"Ninos Malos"



"PITUFOS"



"VL" ("VATOS LOCOS") members, also throwing gang hand signs

"TMB"
(The Mexican Boys)



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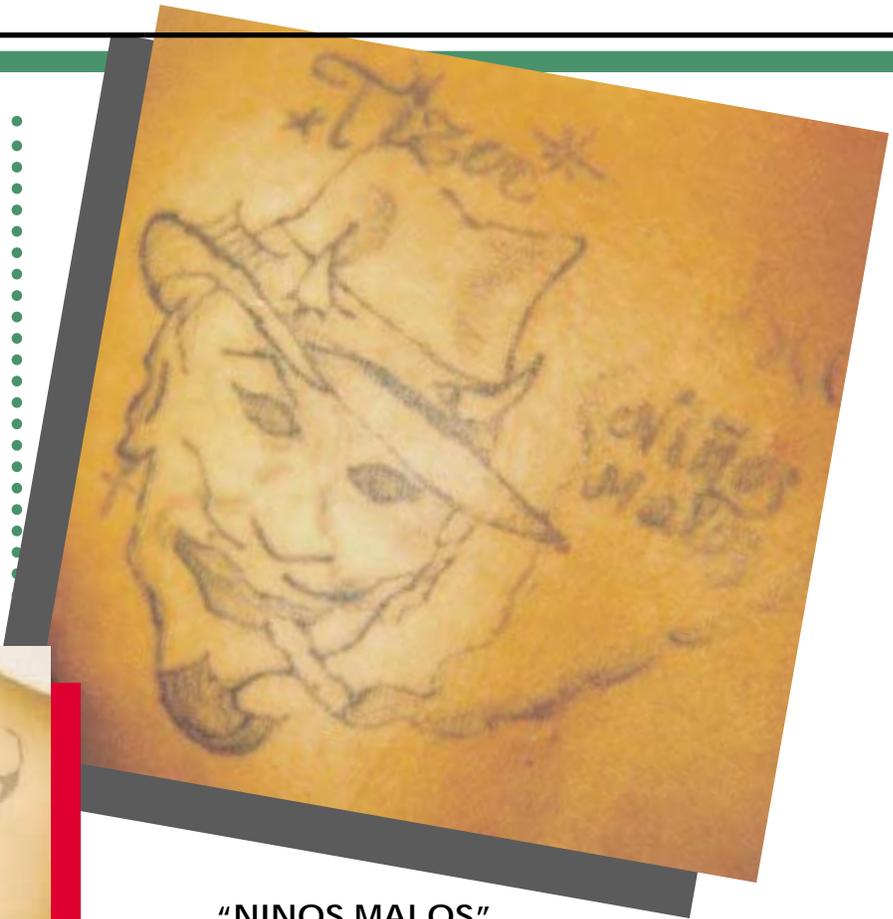
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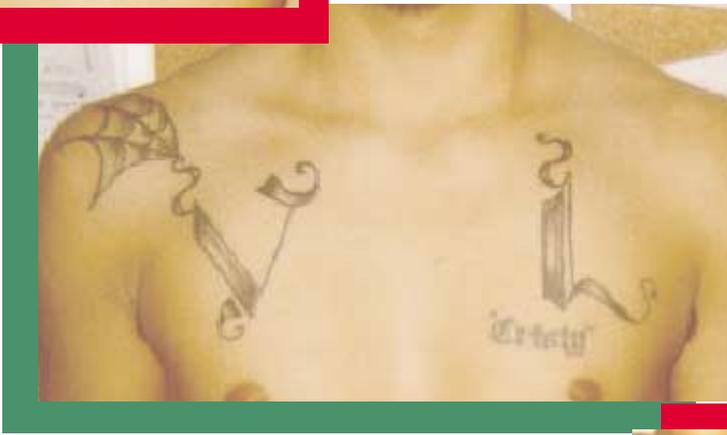




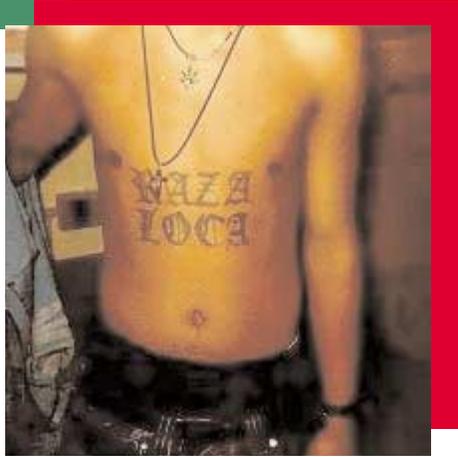
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