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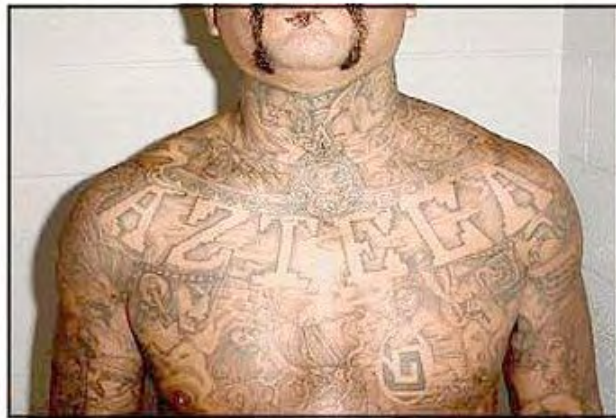
Information Bulletin

Mexican gang tattoo identifiers:

Barrio Azteca/Azteca

Marking Significance:

- 21 = BA
- XXI = 21
- BA = Barrio Azteca
- 915 = El Paso Area Code (not unique to Barrio Azteca/Acteca)
- EPT = El Paso, Texas (not unique to Barrio Azteca/Acteca)



Hermanos Pistoleros Latinos (HPL)



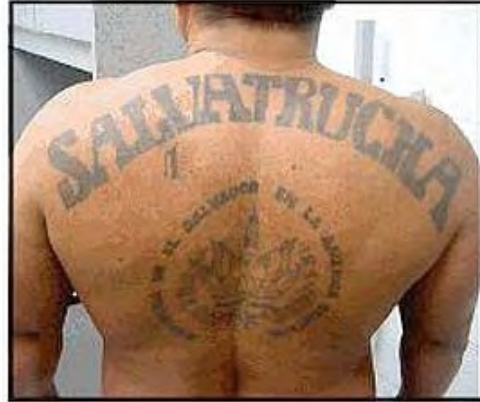
Latin Kings & Queens

Marking Significance:

- ALKQN = Almighty Latin King Queen Nation
- Black and Gold Clothing
- 5 Pointed Crown
- Amor De Rey (King's Love)
- Lion's Head
- ALKN = Almighty Latin King Nation



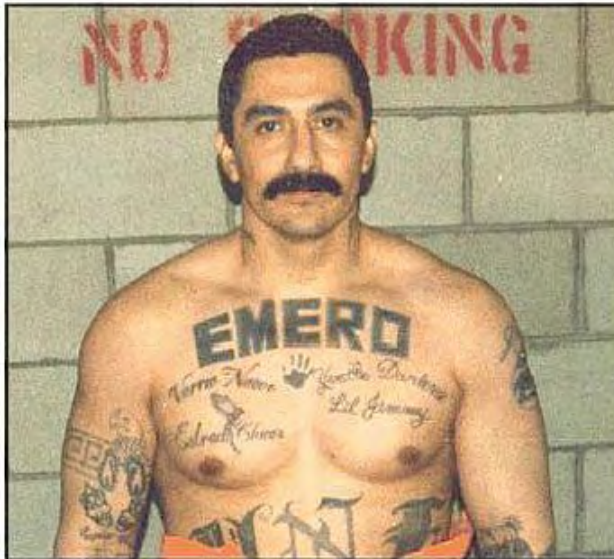
Mara Salvatrucha (MS 13)



Mexican Mafia or La Eme (California)

Marking Significance:

- EME (letter M in Spanish)
- EMERO = member of La Eme
- Black Hand



Mexikanemi (Texas Mexican Mafia)

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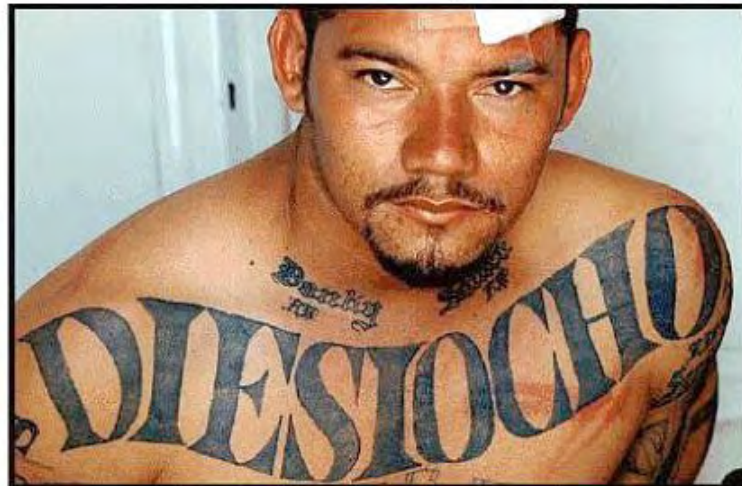
- Mexikano (Note the letter "K")
- Serpent is in the shape of the letter "M"
- MM = Mexican Mafia



18th Street

Marking Significance:

- XVIII = 18
- BEST = Barrio Eighteen Street
- 666 = 18
- DIESIOCHO = Eighteen

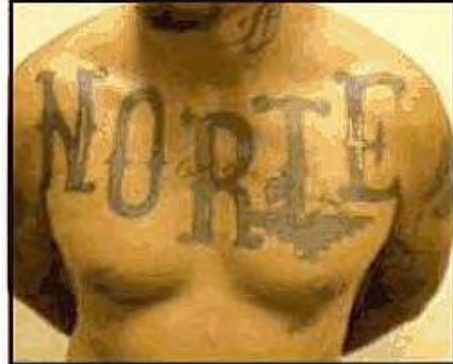


Norteños (NORTE 14)

Marking Significance:

- Huelga Bird or War Bird
- XIV = 14

NOTE: The number "14" symbolizes the letter "N," for the Nuestra Familia. The Norteños fall under the umbrella of the Nuestra Familia.



Paisas (Los Paisanos)



Sureños (SUR 13)

Marking Significance:

- Mayan Numerology:
1 Dot = 1
1 Bar = 5
 $1+1+1+5+5 = 13$
- X3 = 13

NOTE: The number 13 is used by Sureño (Southerner) based gangs because they fall under the umbrella of the Mexican Mafia. The 13th letter of the alphabet is "M" and is displayed to show allegiance to the Mexican Mafia (i.e. SUR 13, MS 13, Florencia 13, etc.).

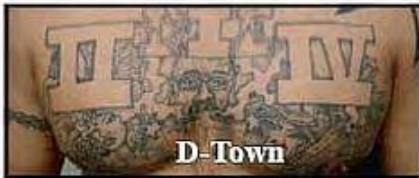


Tango/Tango Blast

Marking Significance:

- 16 20 2 = PTB = Puro Tango Blast
- A-Town or Capirucha (Austin)
- Corpitos (Corpus Christi)
- D-Town (Dallas)
- EPT (El Paso)
- Foritos, Foros or Funky Town (Ft. Worth)
- Houstone (Houston)
- San Anto or Orejon (San Antonio)
- Valluco (Rio Grande Valley)
- WT (West Texas)

NOTE: Most Tango/Tango Blast tattoos will contain a star, landmark, Texas sports team or Texas area code. Roman numerals may be used to display area codes.



Texas Syndicate (Syndicato Tejano)

