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Introduction

This Intelligence Newsletter is produced by the New York State Intelligence Center and is intended for law enforcement personnel.

This newsletter is intended to:

- Promote officer safety
- Identify and analyze emerging trends and issues
- Identify criminal activity and otherwise assist criminal investigations

Requests For Information

Law enforcement agencies are encouraged to request and submit criminal and gang related intelligence by contacting the New York State Intelligence Center (NYSIC), Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU). To obtain more information on the policy and procedures, the following points of contact are provided for your convenience:

Contacting Our Staff:

U.S. Mail: NYSIC

ATTN: Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU)

630 Columbia Street Ext.

Latham, NY 12110

Toll Free: 1-866-486-9742

Email: GIU@nysic.ny.gov

Report Suspicious Activity

New York State Terrorism Tips Line:

Toll Free

1 - 866 - SAFE NYS

(1-866-723-3697)



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New York State Police - New York State Office of Homeland Security

Form - PSA052003

Trends

KEFFIYEHS

HISTORY:

- The keffiyeh is a scarf, originally used within the Middle East as a hat, fastened by a band called an agel to keep out cold, sun and sand.
- During the British occupation in the 1930's, the headwear was worn by Palestinian peasants as a symbol of Palestinian nationalism as well as an expression of class struggle.
- In the 1960's it was popularized by Palestinian politician, Yasser Arafat, who would wear one as a hat and another around his neck. The triangular folding of Arafat's headwear is made to look like the outline of the Palestinian territory.
- Black and white keffiyehs are often associated with Fatah.
- Red and white keffiyehs are often associated with Hamas.



FASHION TREND:

- Keffiyehs became a fashion statement in the US during the first intifada in 1987. Bohemian girls wore them draped around their neck, instead of on their head.
- In the early 2000's these scarves were worn by anti-war protesters. They represented solidarity with Arabs because of the racial profiling of Muslims after 9/11.
- Since the scarf has become a fashion statement throughout the U.S. in recent years, it has created a large amount of controversy. Many Jewish organizations and conservative bloggers have taken offense to the keffiyehs (some brand them "terrorist garb"). Dunkin Donuts had to stop producing an ad where Rachel Ray wore a scarf similar to a keffiyeh. Urban Outfitters was forced to stop selling their "anti-war scarves" that showed a large resemblance to keffiyehs.

GANG AFFILIATION:

- Over the past year gang members have been observed wearing keffiyehs. When asked what it means, some members say it's a symbol of resistance; while others say it is just another gang identifier.
- Gangs have used many different symbols to show their gang affiliation and it should not be taken as a sign that members are following the beliefs of armed resistance or terrorism.
- Since 2008, gang members from the Bloods, Crips, Netas, Latin Kings and many other local street gangs have been observed wearing the keffiyeh.
- During the 2009 New York City Puerto Rican Day Parade, many gang members were spotted wearing keffiyehs that matched their respective gang colors.
- This does not mean that anyone wearing the keffiyeh should be deemed a gang member, but it is another way that gangs are using fashion to show their gang affiliation.



Sources: Ali,L. "Not So Sweet". *Newsweek*. Retrieved on August 4, 2009 from <http://www.newsweek.com/id/139344>.

Kim,K. "Where Some See Fashion, Others See Politics". *New York Times*. Retrieved on August 4, 2009 from www.nytimes.com/2007/02/11/fashion/shows/11KAFFIYEH.html

New York Gang Investigators Association. "Current Trends- Wearing Kuffiyas" June 2009.

Photos above provided by
New York Gang Investigators Association

Hidden Codes

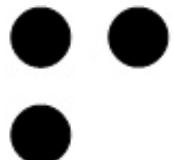
Nine Trey Gangsters



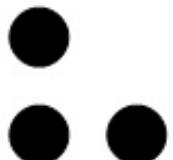
Gangsta Killer Bloods



Blood Stone Villains



Valentine Bloods



**Original
New York
Blood
Sets**

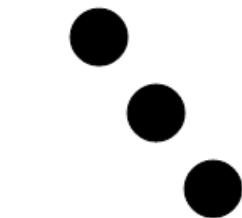
5-9 Brims



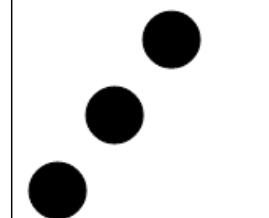
Mad Stone Bloods



1-8 Trey Gangstas



Mad Dog Bloods



Sex, Money, Murder



Gangsta Miller Bloods



The above markings are generally found on a Blood gang member's right arm; usually tattooed or burned on.
Each marking represents a different Subgroup of the Bloods within New York State.

MS-13 Code Key: Deciphered

An MS-13 gang member was recently arrested in Florida and located within his belongings was a detailed code key along with some examples of the code's implementation. The code was transcribed by BSOC analysts in the figure seen at right.

The example of the code at right may be seen by any officer who encounters an MS-13 gang member in the United States.

Source: BSOC "Transnationality and Texas Gangs", April 24, 2009

MS-13 Code Key

A	B	C
D	E	F
G	H	I

J	K	L
M	N	O
P	Q	R

S	T	U
V	W	X
Y	Z	

Examples of Written Code

• - = MS

- L F = SUR

- F F □ L □ = 13 (TRECE)

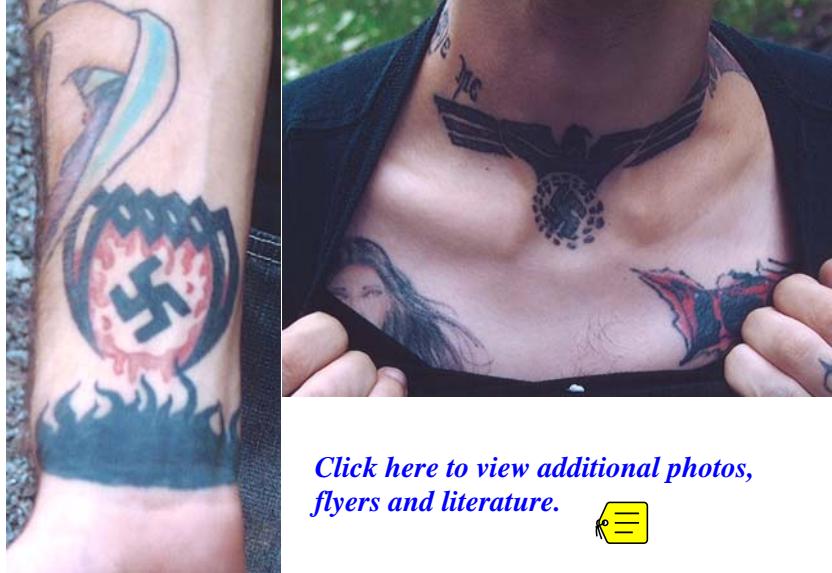
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Field Intelligence



On August 15, 2009, New York State Police Trooper Daniel Snyder stopped to assist a disabled tractor trailer on I-90 in Herkimer County, New York. While speaking with the driver and his wife, Trooper Snyder noticed white supremacy tattoos and clothing ([See pictures to the right and below](#)).

Trooper Snyder obtained permission from the couple to take pictures of the truck, tattoos and paraphernalia. The couple also freely spoke about their participation in the National Socialist Movement (NSM) and also provided literature. In addition to the pictures and literature, Trooper Snyder also saw several pieces of clothing depicting Adolph Hitler, swastikas and lightning bolts.



[Click here to view additional photos, flyers and literature.](#)



The National Socialist Movement was founded in 1974 and is currently the largest and most active National Socialist Party operating in the United States. The party has seen a surge in membership under its current leader, Jeff Schoep. The NSM's core beliefs include: defending the rights of white people everywhere, preservation of European culture and heritage, strengthening family values, economic self-sufficiency, reform of illegal immigration policies, immediate withdrawal of our military from Middle Eastern occupation and promotion of white separation. Membership is open to non-Semitic heterosexuals of European descent.

Research of the NSM website www.nsm88.com which was listed on the side of the tractor trailer (image at left) and the NSM prison outreach website (nsmprisonpenpals.webs.com) provides a wealth of information including a list of officers and contact information for the group. There are forums available for the public and NSM members to communicate, along with applications for membership and listings of rallies, protests, news and articles with accompanying videos and photos. For security purposes, it is not recommended that the above referenced Internet websites be accessed by law enforcement unless an undercover computer is being utilized.



The NSM also volunteers in MO



Field Intelligence

ARYAN BROTHERHOOD ** WOLF PACK **

Weiss Macht = White Power
AB = Aryan Brotherhood

Warriors Of Legendary Future
Protecting All Caucasian Kin

White Wolf = White Pride /
Wolf Pack

On August 28, 2009, Officer Karl Brusino, Niagara Falls Police Department, conducted a debriefing of inmate Blaine Brickner following his arrest on Menacing 3rd and Disorderly Conduct charges. Brickner acknowledged that he was a former member of Wolf Pack, a branch of the Aryan Brotherhood. According to Brickner, WOLF PACK stands for Warriors Of Legendary Future Protecting All Caucasian Kin. His membership in Wolf Pack encompassed a five year span, beginning in 2003 while he was incarcerated at the Albion State Correctional Institution in Pennsylvania. The recruitment method required that he "shed blood" for the white race and involved attacking a person of another race. During his membership, Brickner claims to have risen to the rank of Captain of Arms; where he was ordered to manufacture and provide weapons for the other members of the Wolf Pack. Rank, according to Brickner, is determined by your deeds and the skills you possess.

Brickner is now residing with his mother in Niagara Falls, NY; where he recently learned that his heritage includes American Indian. He states that he has grown up, is now dating a Hispanic female and no longer views other ethnicities as a lower race. Due to these newfound revelations, Brickner stated that he can no longer support the Aryan Nation/Wolf Pack.

The NYSIC Gang Intelligence Unit, through their statewide Gang Reporting Intelligence Initiative (GRIP), have identified a total of 10 members of the Aryan Brotherhood residing in Albany, Broome, Erie, Herkimer and Oneida counties; however, none have any known ties to the Wolf Pack Subset.

Further information regarding this debriefing is available and can be provided upon request by contacting the New York State Intelligence Center at 1-866-486-9742 or, Officer Karl Brusino, Niagara Falls Police Department at (716) 998-9445. Any agency who may have encountered or have identified other members of Wolf Pack are encouraged to contact the NYSIC for information and to provide additional intelligence.



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Wolf Pack



Stars represent the # of fights won



100% Pure Blood

Field Intelligence

ARYAN BROTHERHOOD ** WOLF PACK **



AB = Aryan Brotherhood



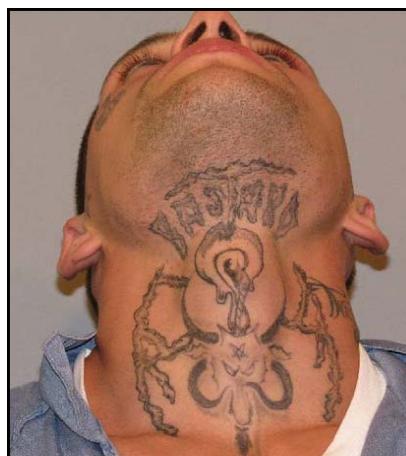
Symbol Represents Power & Strength. You receive your “wings” if you have fought & shed blood for your race.



Kill Yourself



Died 1983 = The Year He Was Born



Bastard



Thor's Hammer—Common White Supremacy Symbol of Warrior Mentality.

GANGS OF INTEREST — “ZOE POUND”

HISTORY

This gang's origins can be traced back to Haiti; with members subsequently migrating to the United States, settling in the “Little Haiti” section of Miami, Florida. Zoe Pound is an extremely secretive gang, integrating “Voo-Doo” into their gang ideology. Uncharacteristic of many other gangs, members do not subscribe to gang tattooing or flagging with colors and are forbidden from acknowledging or admitting gang membership. Members are heavily involved in illegal drug trafficking; “pirating” vessels docked in the port of Miami, violently killing crew members and seizing the illicit drugs for distribution on the streets. Proceeds from the sale of illegal drugs is reportedly laundered into the Rap/Recording industry. In an effort to thwart the systemic escalation in drug trafficking and extreme violence associated with this gang, a multi-agency task force was formed; consequentially resulting in the migration of members to states along the eastern coast, including Virginia, New Jersey and New York.

On October 5, 2009, Westchester County Jail received an inmate, Jean Besson, who claimed to be an “associate” of the Zoe Pound criminal street gang. Besson is the first identified Zoe Pound member submitted to the NYSIC Gang Intelligence Unit. Captain Vincent Camera and Sergeant Christopher Smith had the opportunity to conduct a debriefing of Besson while incarcerated at this facility. Besson claimed to be associated with Zoe Pound members in Brooklyn, Nassau and Westchester Counties. According to Besson, members are traveling in multiple cars—convoys—from Brooklyn via the Hutchinson River Parkway enroute to Westchester County, specifically Exit 2 and 9, transporting large quantities of guns. He claims that members “always” travel armed with weapons. Besson explained that Zoe Pound is considered the “primary” gang, but two subsets exist within the gang—Zoe Pound Bloods and Zoe Pound Crips. Captain Camera reported a second Zoe Pound member, Rinel Luzincour, was later identified after his release via confiscated documents/drawings. (See attached). Both members have admitted ties to Florida.

HAND SIGNS



Hand sign is similar to the Neta hand sign with crossed fingers but incorporates the thumb.



Represents “branches” on a palm tree (symbolic of the Haitian flag — requires two members to complete).



The letter “Z” symbolizing “ZOE” POUND

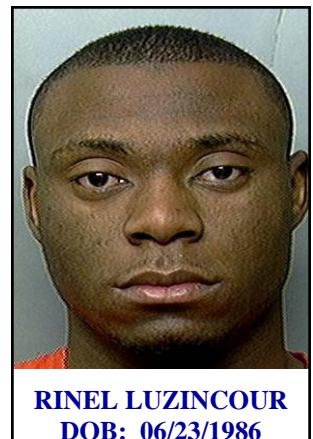
MEMBERS



JEAN BESSON
DOB: 03/14/1987

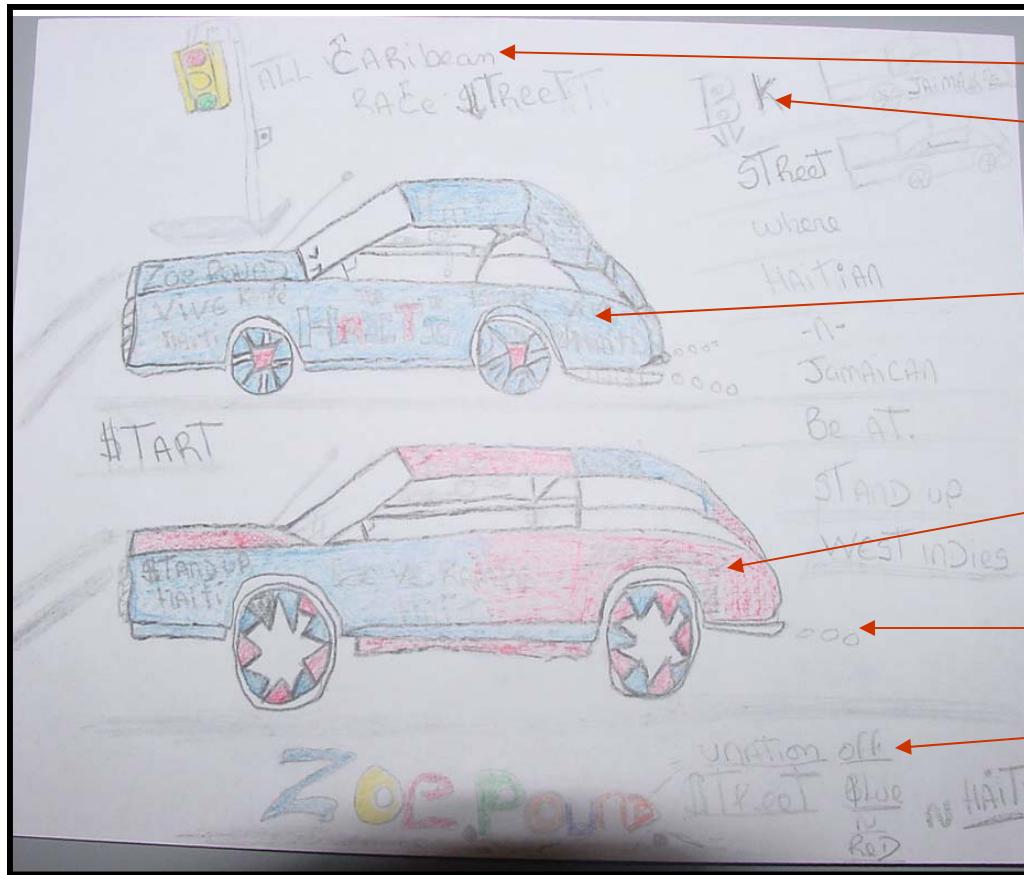


HAITIAN FLAG
SYMBOLIC GANG COLORS



RINEL LUZINCOUR
DOB: 06/23/1986

GANGS OF INTEREST — “ZOE POUND”



“C’s” Up (Crips Up)

“BK” (Blood Killer)
“B’s” Down (Bloods Down)

“Blue” color is synonymous with the Crips

“Red” color is synonymous with the Bloods

Three circles signifying Dog Paws associated with the Bloods

“U” (United) Nation of Blue (Crips) (“Bs” Bloods down) N Red (Bloods)

“654” Signifies a street or specific neighborhood in Haiti.

Haiti AKA King Zoe believed to be Rinel Luzincour
“King Zoe” AKA Rinel Luzincour



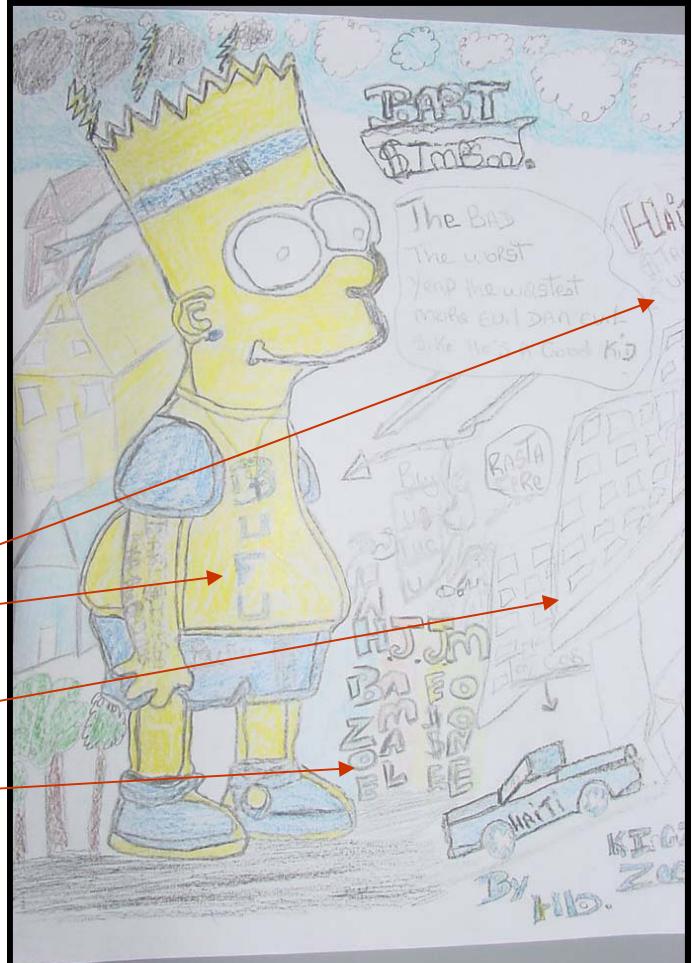
Haiti Stand Up

“BUFU” By US Fuck U

Represents housing projects in Haiti

Zoe Pound “line up” -

HB Zoe
Jamal
Jesse
Moone



Released from Custody — State



NAME:	AARON WADE JABOT
DOB:	05/26/1980
HGT:	5'11
WGT:	265 lbs.
GANG AFFILIATION:	HELLS ANGELS
RELEASE DATE:	September 10, 2009

DETAILS:

On September 10, 2009, Jabot was conditionally released from New York State Department of Correctional Services and placed under the direct supervision of the New York State Division of Parole; with provisions made for his placement in a residential treatment facility located at 428 Duane Avenue in Schenectady, New York. Jabot has made verbal threats to harm law enforcement if confronted.

During an interview conducted by NYS Division of Parole in July 2009, Jabot stated that upon his release from Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, he would become the “next Bucky Phillips toward police officers.” It is believed that Jabot’s statement was made in reference to Ralph “Bucky” Phillips, a convicted murderer from Western, New York. Phillips was responsible for shooting three New York State Troopers in 2006, one of whom was killed. Subsequent interviews conducted by New York State Office of Mental Health staff concluded Jabot’s threats were credible; with recommendations made for psychological treatment upon his release.

HISTORY:

Jabot’s extensive criminal history encompasses an 11-year span that includes a total of five arrests: 2 felony charges, one warranting a violent felony classification. Some of the more serious charges filed against Jabot included: Robbery 2nd: Causes Physical Harm Assault 2nd: Intent to Cause Physical Injury with Weapon, Aggravated Harassment, Intimidating a Victim or Witness and Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree. Prior to his recent incarceration, Jabot had six Orders of Protection filed against him. Additionally, Jabot has been identified as a member of the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club through known gang tattoos and self-admission; meriting his entry into the Violent Gang and Terrorist Organization File (VGTOF).

TATTOOS:



**“Death Row”
Neck —Right Side**



**“Outlaw”
Right Arm—Inside Lower**



**Dog
Right Forearm**

Released from Custody — Federal



NAME:	COREY BROWN AKA: JOHN A BROWN “Little Bear”, “CB”
DOB:	03/04/1979
HGT:	5'06"
WGT:	180
GANG AFFILIATION:	BLOODS SEX MONEY MURDER (SMM)
RELEASE DATE:	October 3, 2009

DETAILS:

On October 3, 2009, Corey Brown was conditionally released from Florence Federal Correctional Complex, United States Penitentiary in Florence, Colorado, under the direct supervision of the United States Probation Office-Southern District. He will be residing at 642 Commonwealth, Bronx, New York. Brown was the subject of a joint criminal investigation involving the FBI-New York and DEA—Jamaica, NY, culminating in his arrest on May 22, 2001. He was charged with Narcotics Conspiracy / Dangerous Drugs and subsequently sentenced to 121 months and five years in federal prison. While in the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Brown was additionally charged with Distribution and Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine Base, Assault and Fighting. Due to his propensity towards violence, aggressive and combative behavior, he was transferred to Florence Federal Correctional Complex, a high security facility, where he served out the remainder of his sentence.

HISTORY:

Sex Money Murder (SMM) is a large and influential subset of the Bloods criminal street gang based out of the Soundview section of the Bronx. Brown's now-deceased elder brother known as "Bear" was an original member of Sex Money Murder (SMM), elevating Brown's street credibility within the gang. Brown "blooded in" among others, brothers and co-conspirators Vince and Vance Davis. Brown also has ties to rapper 50-Cent's protégé, Tony Yayo, who during an appearance on "Hot 97" radio station, gave a "shout-out" to "Mama Love" paying homage to Brown's mother.

ASSOCIATES:

In May 2001, Brown was arrested with 13 other co-conspirators and members of SMM. The following is a list of these SMM members and their current release status:

Name	Status
Sean Carr	Incarcerated @ Hazelton USP Release Date—07/22/2036
Rafael Moore	Incarcerated @ Estill FCI Release Date—04/27/2010
Carlos Rijos	Supervised Release—08/14/2012
Emillio Romero	Unsupervised Release
Allen Graham	Unsupervised Release
Jai Britt	Incarcerated @ Schuylkill FCI Release Date—03/23/2010

Name	Status
Gilbert Vega	Supervised Release—Out of State
Edwin Vega	Unsupervised Release
Joel Young	Incarcerated @ New York CCM Release Date—03/13/2010
Richard Vera	Supervised Release—06/26/2011
Keith Bruie	Unsupervised Release
Vance Davis	Supervised Release—12/26/2011
Vince Davis	Supervised Release—01/13/2013

Released from Custody — Federal



NAME:	MATTHEW ODELL
DOB:	08/17/1972
HGT:	5' 07"
WGT:	200 lbs.
GANG AFFILIATION:	Hell Angels New Roc Chapter
RELEASE DATE:	September 29, 2009

DETAILS:

Matthew Odell was released from EDC Brooklyn on September 29, 2009. He will be residing at 8 Halstead Avenue, Apartment 1-S in Harrison, New York. Odell is a member of the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club, with ties to the New Roc Chapter in New Rochelle, New York. He will be on supervised release; closely monitored by United States Probation, Southern District Office. Special conditions of his release prohibit him from having any contact with, or participation in, any activities associated with the Hells Angels. Odell's recent incarceration stemmed from a violation of probation; specifically, the court imposed special conditions of release prohibiting "participation in the activities involving the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club." Consequentially, he was returned to federal prison on October 3, 2008 to serve an additional ten month sentence. His initial incarceration was the result of a Felony Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd Degree charge.

HISTORY:

Odell has an extensive criminal history encompassing a 20-year span dating back to November 25, 1988. He has a total of 19 arrests; including 3 Felony charges, one warranting a "Violent" Felony classification. Odell's violent history includes numerous arrests, resulting in a myriad of criminal charges being lodged against him, including: Criminal Possession of a Weapon/Firearm; Assault 2nd with Intent to Cause Physical Injury to Officer/Fireman/EMT; Attempted Assault 1st—Intent to Cause Serious Injury with Weapon; Menacing 2nd—Weapon; Resisting Arrest; Disorderly Conduct: Fight/Violent Behavior; Reckless Endangerment; Criminal Contempt—Violation of Order of Protection; Obstruction of Governmental Administration; DWI; Criminal Impersonation and Possession of Fraudulent Documents.

IDENTIFIERS:



VGTOF

(Violent Gang and Terrorist Organizations File)



Participation Agreement

I, being the Agency Chief Executive for the Agency listed below, have fully read the terms contained in the Policies & Procedures. I fully understand and agree to these terms and will comply with said terms to the fullest extent possible.

Participating Agency Acknowledgement:

Agency Name:

Agency Chief Executive Name:

Title:

Agency Address:

Telephone Number:

(_____) _____

Signature:

Date:

Please send the signed Participation Agreement via United States mail to:

New York State Intelligence Center
Gang Intelligence Unit
630 Columbia Street Extension
Latham, New York 12110

Contact the GIU at NYSIC for a copy of the Policy and Procedures.



Gang Member Submission Form

Fax to: (518) 786-9314; ATTN: Gang Unit
Email to: GLU@nysic.ny.gov

* Denotes Mandatory Fields

Date of Report	Reporting Agency	Contact #			
*Subjects Last Name		*First	M.I.		
Aliases		Scars, Marks, Tattoos			
Hgt.	Wgt.	Hair	Eyes		
*DOB		SSN	NYSID #	FBI #	
Last Known Address			*County		
Telephones (Home/Other)			Cell		
Vehicle Tag	State	Make	Model	Year	Color

CRITERIA:

In order to maintain the integrity of the Gang Unit's membership database, the following is the criteria for an individual to be qualified for entry into the VGTOF database as an identified gang member:

*Does Gang/Group consist of three (3) or more members?

Yes No

*Is the Gang/Group involved in the commission of, or involvement in a pattern of Criminal Activity or Delinquent Conduct? (If yes, describe in "Narrative" below)

Yes No

**Must
Check
A
Box**

Self Admission - An individual will be entered if he/she admits to membership during a debriefing, arrest or incarceration.

or

Through the course of an investigation an individual is reasonably believed to belong to a gang and is identified as such by TWO independent sources. (Ex. LE Personnel, Intel, School Safety Officer, DOCS, or Outside Agency)

Sources:

Is identified as a gang member through body markings (Ex. Tattoos, scars, burn marks).

or

Meets any TWO below mentioned Criteria:

Colors
(assoc. w/Gangs)

Association
(w/known Gang members)

Hand Signs
(assoc. w/ Gangs)

Location
(Known Gang)

Documents
(Gang related)

Case #	Arresting Agency	Submitting Officer
Arrest Location	Charges	
*Gang	*Sub Group	Associate(s)
Assoc. Address	DOB	

Narrative: (Include details of debriefing, arrest or incarceration, including specific details of gang membership identification)

Rank/Name of Reporting Officer	Agency
E-Mail Address	24 Hour Contact #
NYSIC: Gang Unit Supervisor	Date Reviewed