GANG SEX TRAFFICKING: WHAT ALL CPI’S AND CASE MANAGERS SHOULD KNOW!

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WHAT'S A GANG?

Three or more persons

+ Share Collective name, signs, or symbols

+ Criminal activity

= Criminal Street Gang
STATE OF FLORIDA GANG DEFINITION:

874.03 “CRIMINAL GANG” MEANS A FORMAL OR INFORMAL ONGOING ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, OR GROUP THAT HAS AS ONE OF ITS PRIMARY ACTIVITIES THE COMMISSION OF CRIMINAL OR DELINQUENT ACTS, AND THAT CONSISTS OF THREE OR MORE PERSONS WHO HAVE A COMMON NAME OR COMMON IDENTIFYING SIGNS, COLORS, OR SYMBOLS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS AND HATE GROUPS.
MOTIVATION FOR JOINING CRIMINAL STREET GANGS

- Protection
- Money & Drugs
- Control of the Environment
- Racial / Cultural Similarities
- Common enemies
- Respect
- Acceptance by Peers
- Loyalty and Reward
- Recruitment
- Intimidation
- Control of Turf

“SENSE OF BELONGING”
RECRUITING

• AT SCHOOLS (BOTH WITHIN THE SCHOOL BY MINOR RECRUITERS OR TRAFFICKERS HANGING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL)
• SOCIAL MEDIA
• BUS STATIONS
• SHOPPING MALLS
• SPORTS VENUES
• SKATE PARKS
• CITY LIBRARIES

ALL PLACES WHERE TEENS HANG OUT!!!
KNOW THE PROCESS:

• **WANNA-BE**: KID/HANG-AROUND WHO HAS NOT PROVEN THEMSELVES TO BECOME A FULL FLEDGED GANG MEMBER.

• **OG**: ORIGINAL GANGSTER.

• **JUMPED-IN**: VIOLENT BEATING PROCESS OF GANG INITIATION

• **SEXED-IN**: GANG INITIATION OPTION AVAILABLE TO FEMALE PROSPECTS

• **COMMIT A CRIMINAL ACT TO PROVE THEMSELVES TOUGH ENOUGH TO BE A GANG MEMBER** EX: DRIVE BY SHOOTING, BURGLARY, ROBBERY OR DRUG SELL...
STREET GANGS IN FLORIDA

- FOLK NATION
- CRIPS
- BLOODS
- HISPANIC GANGS (SURENOS, NORTENOS, MS)
- HYBRID STREET GANGS
Gangster Disciples, Maniac Latin Disciples, Black Gangster Disciples

Area of Origin:
- 1960s / Chicago

Colors and Numbers:
- Blue, Black, Grey, & White
- 274 (BGD), 74 (GD)
- Right Side Orientated

Rivals: People Nation
Peoples Nation

- BLACK P STONE NATION, VICE LORDS, LATIN KING NATION
- AREA OF ORIGIN:
  - 1960S / CHICAGO
- COLORS AND NUMBERS:
  - BLACK, RED, YELLOW
  - LEFT SIDE ORIENTATED
- RIVALS: FOLK NATION
**CRIPS**

- **CRIPS**
- **AREA OF ORIGIN:**
  - LOS ANGELES, CA / 1960s
- **COLORS:**
  - **BLUE, LIGHT BLUE, ORANGE**
- **RIVALS:**
  - **BLOODS**
  - **BDG & SURENOS**
Neighborhood Crips

Colors: Powder Blue, Pink
Some Sets: 111, 60, 46
Tags: NC, NHC, NABAHOOD, MAINST

Clothing:
North Carolina
Powder blue web belts
NHC belt buckles
Set numbers
Powder blue laces

Rivals: Hoover Crips
BLOODS

• BLOODS

• AREA OF ORIGIN:
  • LOS ANGELES, CA / 1960S

• COLORS:
  • RED & GREEN

• RIVALS:
  • CRIPS
**Bloods -- Red Mob**

### Identifiers
- Red colors, sometimes white, black
- Red and black colors
- Bandannas or rags

### Graffiti and Tattoos
- MOB – Member of Bloods
- Crossed out “C” (Crips)
- Upside down C
- Dog paws (three dots)

### Clothing
- Chicago Bulls, Pittsburg Pirates
- Rolled up right pant leg

### Membership
- Predominantly African American

### "Piru" (original Blood gang)
- RMG, Rip Boys, 747 Bounty Hunter Bloods

### Origin
- Sentennial H.S. in L.A.
  - 1980s
  - Protection from Crips

### Fewer members than Crips
- Extremely violent
• **SURENOS** = “SOUTHERNERS” IN SPANISH

• **AREA OF ORIGIN:**
  - SOUTH OF BAKERSFIELD, CA
  - 1960S
  - LA EME (MEXICAN MAFIA)

• **COLOR AND NUMBER**
  - **BLUE, BLACK, AND BROWN** (DEPENDS ON SET)
  - NUMBER 13, X3, OR XIII (18 FOR 18TH STREET)

• **RIVAL:** NORTENOS
• **NORTENOS** = “NORTHERNER” IN SPANISH

• **AREA OF ORIGIN:**
  • NORTH OF BAKERSFIELD
  • NUESTRA FAMILIA (OUR FAMILY)

• **COLOR AND NUMBER:**
  • RED
  • NUMBER 14

• **RIVAL:** SURENOS
MARA SALVATRUCHA “MS 13”

- **MARA SALVATRUCHA (MS) =**
- “BEWARE THE SALVADORAN GANG”
- **AREA OF ORIGIN:**
  - LA AREA
  - 1980s
- **COLORS AND NUMBER:**
  - **LIGHT BLUE** AND WHITE (EL SALVADORIAN FLAG)
  - ALSO BLUE AND GREY
  - **NUMBER 13**
- **RIVAL: EVERYONE...**
• **INSANE CLOWN POSSE – ICP**
  • **MALES – JUGGALOS**
  • **FEMALES – JUGGALETTS**

• **GANG?**
  • **GANG SET VS FAMILY**

• **RIVALS:**
  • **DEPENDS UPON LOCATION**
Extremist / Aryan “Gangs”

**Skinheads**
- White supremacist group
  - Neo-Nazi
  - Anti-gay
  - Anti-immigrant
- Militaristic, anarchist
Extremist / Aryan “Gangs”

Peckerwoods

- White supremacist
- Neo-Nazi
- Identifiers:
  - Woody woodpecker
  - Swastikas and other
  - Nazi symbols
  - Letters PW or APW
  - Numbers 88, 16, 23
Extremist / Aryan “Gangs”

Hammerskins

- Neo-Nazi, etc.
- Name comes from a Pink Floyd song on *The Wall*

**Identifiers:**
- Crossed Hammers
- Confederate flags
- Nazi symbols: swastikas, iron cross, Celtic cross
- HFFH
- Otherwise similar to Skinheads
LOCAL HYBRID STREET GANGS

HYBRID GANGS:

• USUALLY A LOCAL, “HOMEGROWN” STREET GANG WITH VERY VAGUE RULES, LOOSE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND LEADERSHIP BECAUSE THEY ARE OFTEN IN A STATE OF FLUX.

• HYBRID GANGS MAY HAVE MULTIPLE ALLEGIANCES; THEY MAY USE SYMBOLS AND COLORS FROM LARGER TRADITIONAL GANGS, EVEN RIVAL GANGS.

• MEMBERS MAY CHANGE THEIR AFFILIATIONS FROM ONE GANG TO ANOTHER. IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR A GANG MEMBER TO CLAIM MULTIPLE GANG AFFILIATIONS, EVEN WITH RIVAL GANGS.

• THEY ARE INCREASINGLY DIVERSE IN RACE/ETHNICITY, GENDER, AND ECONOMIC STANDING.

• AN EXISTING HYBRID GANG MAY CHANGE THEIR NAME OR SUDDENLY MERGE WITH OTHER GANGS TO FORM A NEW GANG.
Hybrid Gangs

Characteristics of hybrid youth gangs

• Local gangs may adopt the symbols of large gangs in more than one city.

• Members of rival gangs may cooperate in criminal activity.

• Gang members may change their affiliation from one gang to another.

• Existing gangs may change their name or merge with other gangs to form new ones.

• When gang members move, they may leave their old gang and align themselves with a new local gang that has no ties to their original gang.

• Gangs are not organized along strict racial/ethnic lines.

• Hybrid gangs may borrow symbols, graffiti, and gang colors from different gangs and mix them. For example, gang graffiti may illustrate symbols from the Blood gang in blue, which is the color of the rival Crip gang.

• Gang members may have multiple affiliations, including membership in rival gangs.
THINGS TO LOOK FOR...

- CLOTHING ITEMS
- TATTOOS/BRANDING
- HAND SIGNS
- GRAFFITI
- ARTWORK (VEHICLES, MOTORCycles...)


DRESS TO IDENTIFY

• CLOTHING COLORS
• JEWELRY
• BACKPACKS
• GROOMING
• BRANDS
• BELTS
• SHOE LACES
DRESS CODE INFORMATION

DRESS CODE INCLUDES:

• OLD ENGLISH WRITING
• COLORED SHOE LACES
• HATS
• BANDANAS
• SOCKS UP/SHORTS OVER
• LONG BELTS
• SHAVED EYEBROWS
GANG IDENTIFICATION - CLOTHING
GANG IDENTIFICATION - TATTOOS

MS13

Blood

Folk nation
GANG SEX TRAFFICKING TATTOOS

Female Sex Trafficking Tattoo’s
Gang Signs
These are just sum of tha gang signs used by L.A. gang members

b.l.o.o.d  compton criп
piru  criп
mafia criп  latin kingз
hoover criп  underground criп
killaз  eastside  westside/westcoast  westcoast
b.k blood killа  b.k  victory
c.k criп killа
GANG GRAFFITI:
GANG VOCABULARY

• 5 = PEOPLE NATION/BLOOD
• 6 = FOLK NATION/CRIP
• 187 = HOMICIDE/MURDER THREAT
• 211 = ARMED ROBBERY
• BK = BLOOD KILLER
• CK = CRIP KILLER
• CRAB = DISRESPECT FOR CRIPS
• SLOBS = DISRESPECT FOR BLOODS
• CUZZ = GREETING OF ONE CRIP TO ANOTHER
• IVL = INSANE VICE LORDS
• NORTEÑOS = HISPANIC NORTHERNERS, FREQUENTLY WITH #14
• SUREÑOS = HISPANIC SOUTHERNERS, FREQUENTLY USE #13
• VLB = VATO LOCO BOYZ A.K.A. SPANISH DISCIPLES
• $ = SELLING DRUGS SYMBOLS
TYPES OF INCIDENTS WHERE GANG MEMBERSHIP MAY PLAY A ROLE:

- STABBINGS
- SHOOTINGS
- ROBBERY
- BLUNT FORCE INJURIES
- RAPE
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENTS
- CHILD ASSAULTS
- RECRUITMENT FOR SEX TRAFFICKING
FEMALE VS MALE INITIATIONS:

FEMALE:

• **SEXED IN:** A die is rolled and the number rolled determines the number of sex partners the initiate must accommodate.

• **JUMPED IN:** The initiate is beaten by the other gang members for an undetermined amount of time.

MALE:

• **JUMPED IN:** The initiate is beaten by the other gang members for an undetermined amount of time. This is a very popular method of initiation.

• **BLESSED IN:** If deemed worthy by the original gangsta (O.G) which is the older members of a gang then they are automatically accepted.
Youth can be exploited through Gangs

- Common activities for many highly organized crime groups
- Youth are forced or deceived into performing acts that exploit them
- Female youth associated with gang members can be forced into the sex trade or sued as sexual objects by multiple gang members
- Youth who have been sexually exploited can be used to recruit other youth into sexual exploitation or trafficking
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GANG SEX TRAFFICKING IS ON THE RISE

- There has been an alarming increase in gang involved human trafficking.
- With state and national crackdowns of drug trafficking, gangs are now turning to sex trafficking to supplement their income.
- Gangs use promises of protection, status, money, loyalty and material items to lure girls and women into the gang.
- Females in a gang are the lowest ranking member and have no power or control in the gang.
- Gangs use force, violence, threats and intimidation to secure the females loyalty to the gang and prevent them from exiting the gang and or trafficking life.
- The primary role of a female in a gang is provide sexual services to the male gang members, sexual exploitation to profit the gang and/or drug and gun trafficking for the gang.
- Gangs often use social media and websites to advertise and sexually exploit minors and adults.
- Gangs often tattoo or brand females in their gang due to they view them as their property.
KNOW THE SIGNS

• HAS UNEXPLAINED PHYSICAL INJURIES
• HAS UNEXPLAINED CASH OR GOOD INCLUDING JEWELRY, CLOTHES, SHOES, HAIR OR NAILS
• ASSOCIATES WITH KNOWN GANG MEMBERS
• HAS A CRIMINAL RECORD AND RESIDES IN AREA WITH GANG AFFILIATION
• SIGNS OF DRUG USE AND/OR SELL
• USES GANG-STYLE SLANG AND SYMBOLS
• KEEPS LATE HOURS AND CONSTANTLY BREAKING RULES, CURFEW AND BOUNDARIES
• CARRIES OR IN POSSESSION OF WEAPONS
• EXHIBITS NEGATIVE CHANGES IN BEHAVIOR:
  • DECLINING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND GRADES
  • INCREASE OF DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIORS
QUESTIONS TO ASK PARENTS...
SIGNS OF GANG INVOLVEMENT, CONTINUED

• DISPLAYS OR CREATES SPECIFIC ARTWORK OR GANG SYMBOLS ON SCHOOL BOOKS, CLOTHING, WALLS.

• HAS UNEXPLAINED INJURIES CONSISTENT WITH A PHYSICAL ALTERCATION.

• HAS UNEXPLAINED CASH, CLOTHING, JEWELRY OR HIGH-END ELECTRONICS.

• FEELS THE NEED TO CARRY SOME TYPE OF WEAPON.
SIGNS OF GANG INVOLVEMENT

- Shows interest in a particular color and dislike for another.
- Insists on wearing specific logos or particular types of clothing.
- Use of unusual hand signals to communicate with friends.
- New or unusual interest in gang influenced music, videos, movies or web sites.
- Won’t let you view their social sites or cell phone.
- Exhibits negative behaviors not common with that child.
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

TIPS TO PREVENT YOUTH FROM JOINING GANGS
TIPS

• SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH YOUTH
• KEEP YOUTH INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES
• BE A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL AND SET EXAMPLES
• TUTOR STUDENTS AND ENCOURAGE SCHOOL AND FURTHER EDUCATION
• GET TO KNOW THE YOUTH AND THEIR FRIENDS AND ALWAYS KEEP AN OPEN LINE OF COMMUNICATION
• ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN POSITIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WITH ADULT SUPERVISION SUCH AS ORGANIZED SPORTS OR YOUTH GROUPS
• PROVIDE ANGER MANAGEMENT, CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND STRESS MANAGEMENT SKILLS
• TEACH YOUTH HOW TO COPE WITH PEER PRESSURE
• ALWAYS ENCOURAGE AND PROVIDE PRAISE FOR GOOD BEHAVIORS
• BE PROACTIVE AND ALWAYS ASK QUESTIONS
TAKE A PROACTIVE APPROACH

• DO NOT BE IN DENIAL... YOU MUST TAKE ACTION FROM THE FIRST SIGN OF GANG AFFILIATION

• WHEN THE FIRST SIGN OF GANG INVOLVEMENT ARE PRESENT THEN STAFF THIS CASE WITH YOUR SUPERVISOR IMMEDIATELY.

• ESTABLISH A PLAN OF ACTION AND CLEARLY DOCUMENT THE SIGNS AND YOUR CONCERNS

• NOTIFY YOUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT GANG UNIT AND IF THE CHILD IS INVOLVED WITH DJJ THEN NOTIFY THEIR JPO OF YOUR CONCERNS

• IF YOU WAIT THEN IT MAY BE TO LATE SO DO NOT BE AFRAID TO TAKE ACTION...
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