

# EUGENE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



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## Work Session: Criminal Street Gang Presentation

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Department: Eugene Police  
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### ISSUE STATEMENT

This is a presentation and discussion about the increasing criminal street gang problems in Eugene, the Police Department's response to date, and future plans.

### BACKGROUND

There has been a marked increase in criminal street gangs in the Eugene/Springfield area, and criminal behavior resulting from the street gangs. The City Council has not taken action on this topic. Addressing criminal street gangs will address the City's goals of a safe community.

Gangs are defined as a group of people who form an allegiance for a common purpose, who engage in criminal activity and who conform to one or more of the following traits:

- Share a common group name;
- Share common symbols, tattoos or graffiti;
- Share a common style of dress;
- Frequently congregate upon, or lay claim to a geographic location; and associate together on a regular or continuous basis.

In Eugene, gangs are spread out over the city and are not based on neighborhoods or schools. Gangs may be local, statewide, regional, prison gangs, nationally-based or gangs associated with specific big cities, such as Los Angeles. Most people involved in gangs are between the ages of 12 and 25, and elementary school recruitment takes place. Local gangs sometimes have a 'mother chapter' in another city that provides direct support to the local gang. It is estimated that there are more than 1,000 active street gang members and close associates in the Eugene/Springfield area.

Crimes usually associated with gangs include prostitution, weapons, drug dealing, robbery, assault and murder. In Eugene, recent gang-involved crimes include attempted murder involving a stabbing and shooting, several assaults, robberies, burglaries and stolen vehicles.

The Eugene Police Department (EPD) will work purposefully with community, schools, human service agencies and police agencies to reduce the numbers of active street gang numbers and their ability to attract and recruit young people. Following discussion with executive directors, the Police Department will host a summit with representatives from government, non-profits, and the community to determine

how best to link strategies in ways that will ensure gang activity is reduced and to continuously improve on the safety of our communities and enable safe and constructive futures for our youth.

Using Oregon and U.S. Department of Justice standards, the Police Department is identifying known gang members and helping to determine who among them are responsible for committing violent crimes. The EPD has also established a specialized team, the Gang Response and Investigative Team, to address gang-related crimes. The project manager for the new team has borrowed lessons from best practices and success from Eugene and other communities throughout the northwest and country. The team will be used to assist with incidents where gang crime is known or suspected.

### **RELATED CITY POLICIES**

This topic relates to the council's goals and outcomes: Safe Community -- A community where people feel safe, valued, and welcome. A safe community includes decreased property crime, greater sense of safety (especially downtown), visible and accessible police presence and better police/community relations.

### **COUNCIL OPTIONS**

No formal action is needed at this meeting. This item is being presented for council information only.

### **CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

This item is scheduled for discussion only at this time. There is no recommendation at this time.

### **SUGGESTED MOTION**

There is no motion at this time.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Street Gang Overview – Powerpoint Presentation
- B. Gang Set Graffiti – Powerpoint Presentation

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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# GANGS OF EUGENE / SPRINGFIELD



**Detective Greg Harvey**  
**Special Investigations Unit**  
**Eugene Police Department**

# GANG DEFINITION

A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO FORM AN ALLEGIANCE FOR A COMMON PURPOSE, **WHO ENGAGE IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**, AND WHO CONFORM TO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING TRAITS.

SHARE A COMMON GROUP NAME;

SHARE COMMON SYMBOLS, TATTOOS, OR GRAFFITI;

SHARE A COMMON STYLE OF DRESS;

FREQUENTLY CONGREGATE UPON, OR LAY CLAIM TO A GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION; AND,  
ASSOCIATE TOGETHER ON A REGULAR OR CONTINUOUS BASIS.



# GANG CRITERIA

**REASONABLE SUSPICION THAT THE SUBJECT HAS CONSPIRED TO COMMIT, OR HAS COMMITTED A CRIME:**

- AS PART OF A PATTERN OF STREET CRIMES FACILITATED BY THE EFFORTS OF OTHER GANG AFFILIATES WHICH ADVANCE THEIR INTEREST
- TO ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF, OR ENHANCE THEIR STANDING WITH THE CRIMINAL GANG
- TO BENEFIT THE CRIMINAL GANG
- TO ANNOUNCE THE EXISTENCE OF THE CRIMINAL GANG, ITS MEMBERSHIP OR ITS TERRITORIAL CLAIM
- IN RESPONSE TO THE RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEXUAL PREFERENCE, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR GANG ASSOCIATION OF THE VICTIM

## **PERFORMS TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:**

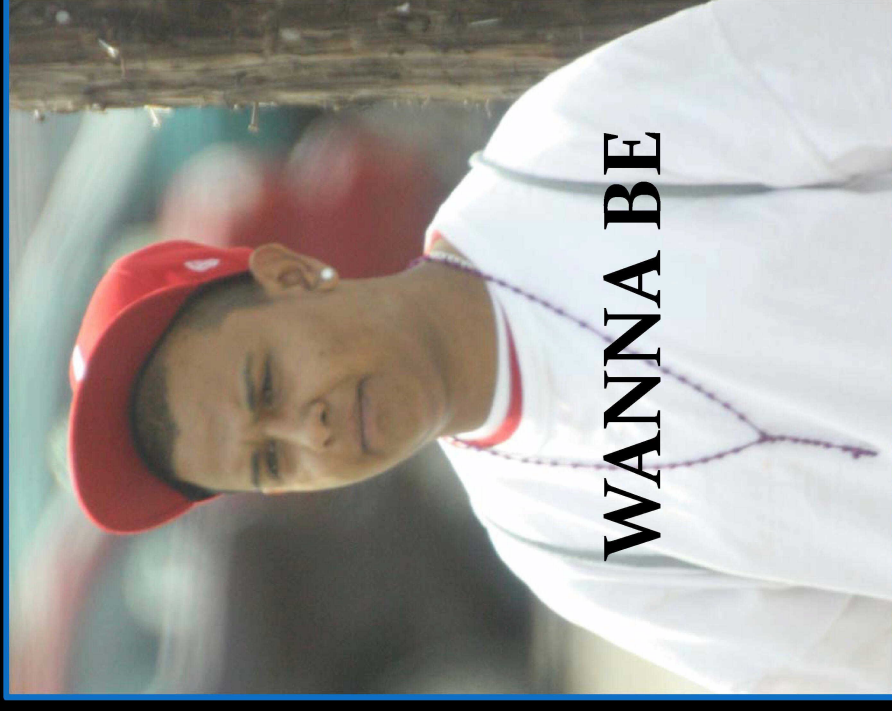
- SUBJECT ADMITTED OR ASSERTED TO POLICE THEY ARE AFFILIATED WITH A CRIMINAL GANG
- SUBJECT PARTICIPATED IN A CRIMINAL GANG INITIATION, RITUAL OR CEREMONY
- SUBJECT DISPLAYED KNOWLEDGE OF THE GANGS HISTORY, LEADERSHIP, ACTIVITIES OR RITUALS IN A CONTEXT THAT CLEARLY INDICATES AFFILIATION WITH THE CRIMINAL GANG
- SUBJECT ANNOUNCED TO THE POLICE THAT THEY WERE WILLING TO COMMIT CRIMES, OR MAKE OTHER SACRIFICES FOR THE CRIMINAL GANG
- SUBJECT HAS A CRIMINAL GANG TATTOO
- SUBJECT FREQUENTLY ASSOCIATES WITH KNOWN GANG AFFILIATES
- SUBJECT WEARS CLOTHES OR JEWELRY UNIQUE TO A GANG OR USES A HAND SIGN OR LANGUAGE THAT DUE TO CONTENT OR CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATED AFFILIATION WITH A CRIMINAL GANG

# GANGS

- **LOCAL or NEIGHBORHOOD GANG SETS**
  - Small locally formed sets normally made up by close friends
  - Normally have local names
    - Barger Street Locos
    - River Road Gangster Bloods
    - Ruby Avenue Bloods
    - Young Ass Kings
    - Krazy Ass Ladies
- **REGIONAL GANG SETS**
  - Large gangs which have sets in multiple cities
    - European Kindred
    - South Side Play Boy Trece
    - Hang Out Boyz
    - Fresno Bulldogs
    - Vato Locos
- **STATE and PRISON GANG SETS**
  - Usually formed locally or in prison which grows to a statewide gang
    - West Side Gangsters
    - Oreganized Aryan Crime Syndicate
    - Brown Pride Chicanas Trece
- **NATIONALLY BASED GANG SETS**
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Mara Salvatrucha Trece
  - Gangster Disciples
  - Aryan Brotherhood
  - West Side Piru
- **LOS ANGELES or BIG CITY TIED GANGS**
  - LA gang members migrating to Eugene
    - South Side Loma Trece
    - South Side San Bernadino Trece
    - South Side Lennox Trece
    - Pomona 12<sup>th</sup> Street
    - Barrio Los Padrinos Trece
- **NATIONAL GANGS**
  - Bloods
  - Crips
  - Surenos
  - Nortenos
  - Folk Nation
  - People Nation

# LOCAL GANGS

- SPREAD OUT OVER CITY AND STATE
  - NOT BASED ON NEIGHBORHOODS OR SCHOOLS
- RACE (PRISON vs STREETS)
- COMMON AGES OF 12 – 25 YOA
- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECRUITMENT
- NUMBERS INCREASING
- 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> GENERATION MEMBERS
- MEDIA
  - MTV
  - RAP & HIP HOP GROUPS
  - MOVIES & SHOWS
- MIGRATING GANG MEMBERS
  - OVER 38 STATES
  - INFLUENCE FROM OVER 140 SETS
- MYTH – ONLY JOINED BECAUSE OF POLICE HARASSMENT
- NOT JUST GANG ON GANG VIOLENCE
- DIRECT TIES TO OTHER STATES
  - MYSPACE – FACEBOOK – TWITTER
- LOCAL GANGS MIGHT HAVE A MOTHER CHAPTER IN ANOTHER CITY WHICH PROVIDES DIRECT SUPPORT



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# GANG INITIATIONS

**GANG JUMP-IN – “BLOOD IN/BLOOD OUT”**

**GANGS USUALLY HAVE THEIR OWN NUMBERS WHICH REPRESENTS THEIR GANG**

**Examples W.S.P.**

**P.B.S. 13**

**B.P.L. 13**

**5 members**

**3 members**

**3 members**

**68 seconds**

**30 seconds**

**13 seconds**

**MAJORITY OF JUMP-INS OCCUR IN PUBLIC PLACES**

**MOST GANGS REQUIRE THE NEW RECRUIT TO PUT “WORK” IN FOR THE GANG**

**Commonly this consists of committing assaults, making the gang money and/or applying graffiti**

**NEW RECRUIT FREQUENTLY LOSES THEIR RIGHT TO MAKE CHOICES**



# CRIMES

**•PROSTITUTION**

**•WEAPONS**

**•DRUG DEALING**

**•ROBBERY**

**•ASSAULT**

**•MURDER**

**RECENT GANG INVOLVED CRIMES**

ATTEMPTED MURDER (STABBING)

ATTEMPTED MURDER (SHOOTING)

SEVERAL ASSAULTS (W. UNIVERSITY)

ROBBERY (STREET)

ROBBERY (BANK)

ROBBERY (BUSINESS)

BURGLARY (RESIDENTIAL)

STOLEN VEHICLES

# GRAFFITI

NOT ALL GRAFFITI IS GANG RELATED

NOT JUST KIDS APPLYING GRAFFITI

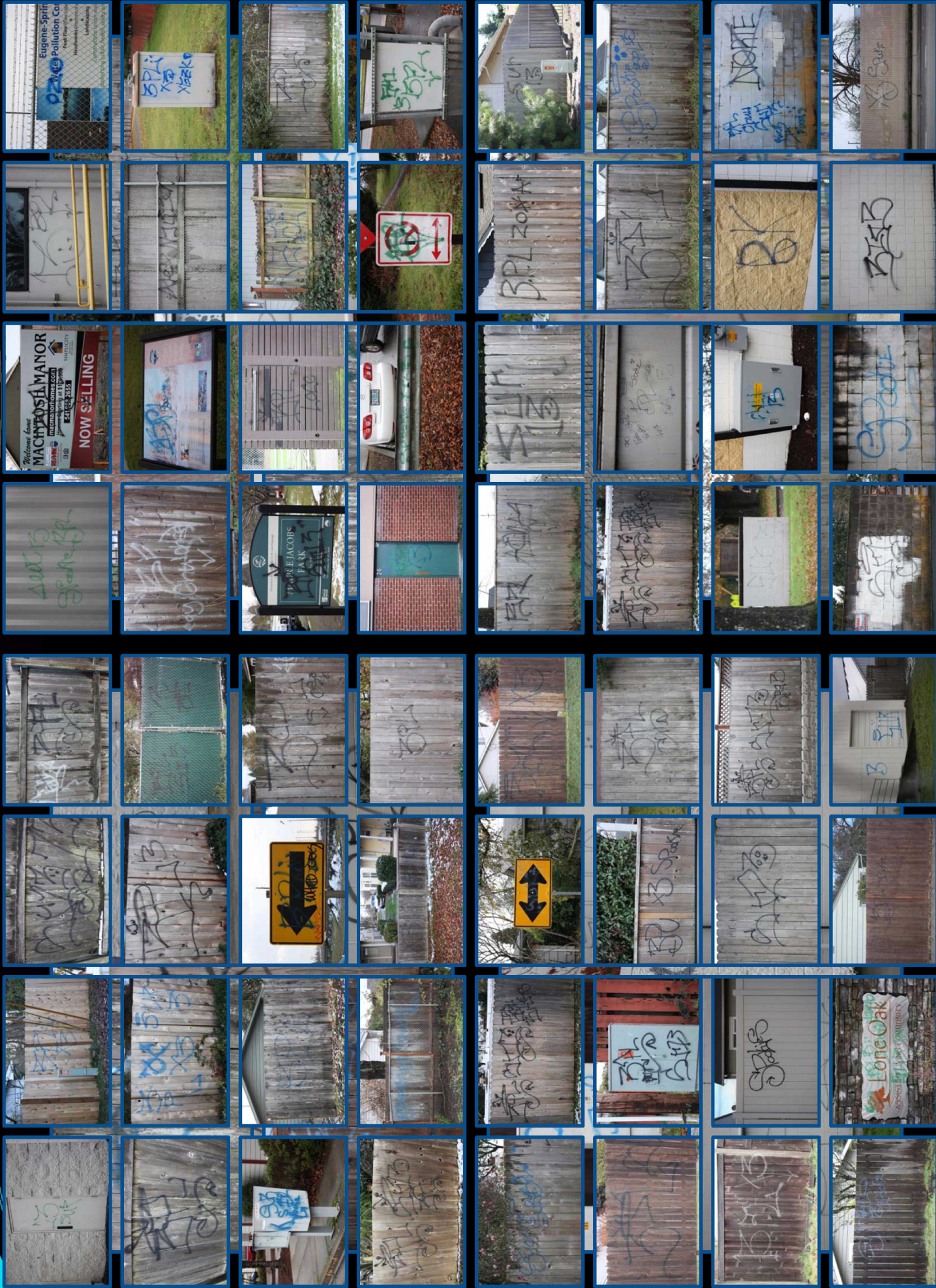
GANGS USE IT TO ANNOUNCE THEIR PRESENCE

GANGS TAKE GRAFFITI SERIOUS

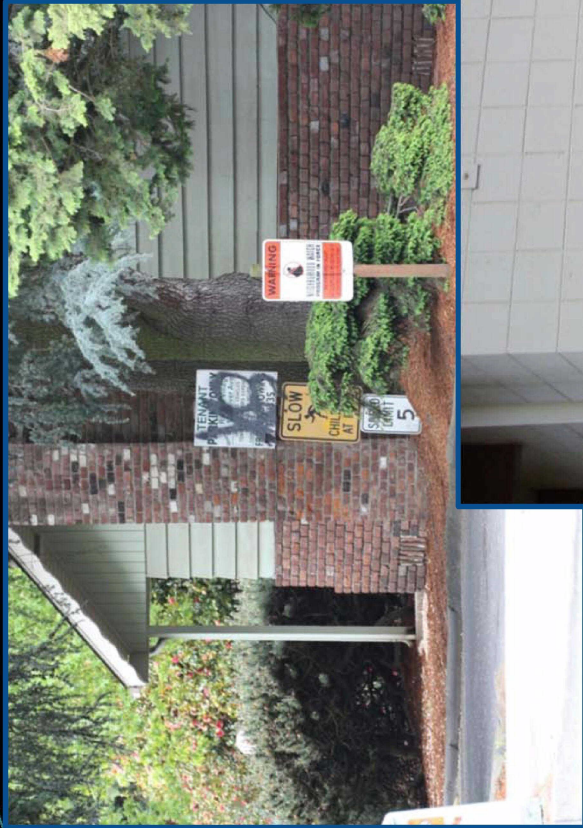
ALREADY HAS AND WILL LEAD TO ASSAULTS

NEED GOOD COMMUNICATION WITH AGENCIES  
AIDES IN SOLVING CRIMINAL INCIDENTS AND IDENTIFIES AREAS OF  
GANG ACTIVITY

# GRAFFITI



# GRAFFITI



# QUERSTIONS

SCOTT UGLINE HIGH SCHOOL



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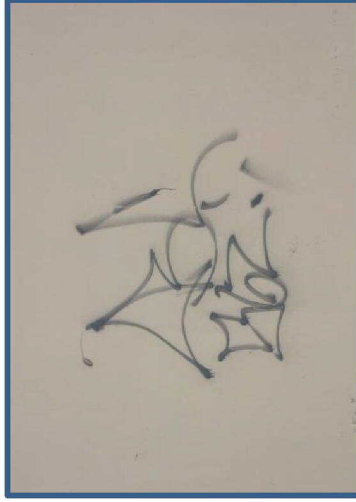
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WEST SIDE 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET



SOUTH SIDE LOMA TRECE



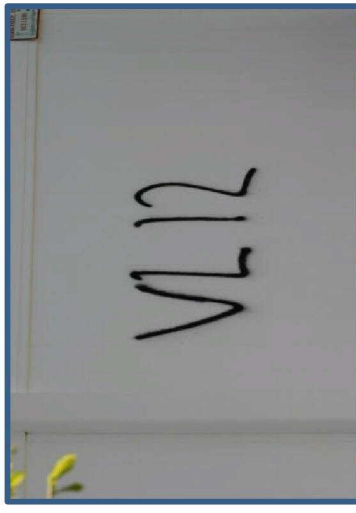
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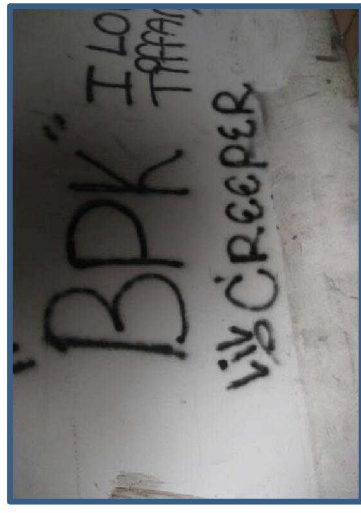
WICKED LOKAS



5<sup>TH</sup> STREET RIFA



VATO LOCOS 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET



BROWN PRIDE KREW



VARRIO SURENO LOCOS TRECE



MARA SALVATRUCHA TRECE

# GRAFFITI



SANTA MARIA VALLEY TRECE



SAN BERNADINO TRECE



BROWN PRIDE LOKOTEZ



S. S. FLORENCIA TRECE



SOUTH SIDE INSANE DEUCES



SURENO TRECE



VATO LOCOS



KRAZY ASS LADIES

# GRAFFITI



WEST SIDE PIRU



P-STONE LOCO KREW



HILLSIDE PIRU



NORTENO



UNDER GROUND DISCIPLES



RUBY AVENUE BLOODS



WEST SIDE GANGSTERS



DAMU BLOODS



23RD ST GANGSTER DISCIPLES



# GRAFFITI



**GANGSTER DISCIPLES**



**PLAYBOY SURENO TRECE**



**YOUNG ASS KINGS**



**LOCO SURENO CLIQUE**



**BARGER STREET LOCOS**



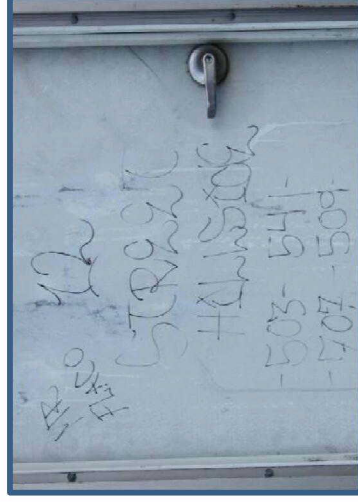
**EAST COAST BLOODS**



**SOUTH SIDE 18<sup>TH</sup> STREET**



**LATIN KING MAFIA**



**12<sup>TH</sup> STREET HILLSIDE**

# GRAFFITI



**LOCO MAFIA VARRIO TRECE**



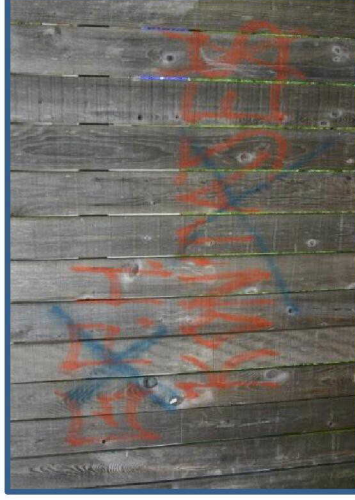
**BROWN PRIDE LOKAS**



**HOOVERS**



**STREET KINGS**



**GRANADA PARK HUSTLAS**



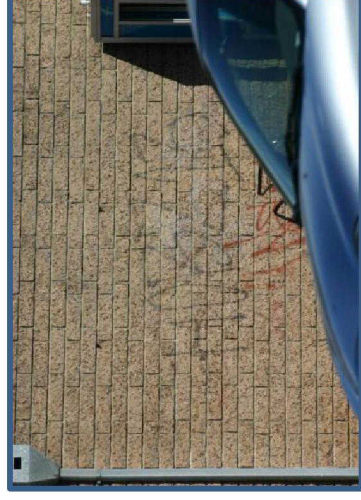
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**W.S. LENNOX TRECE**

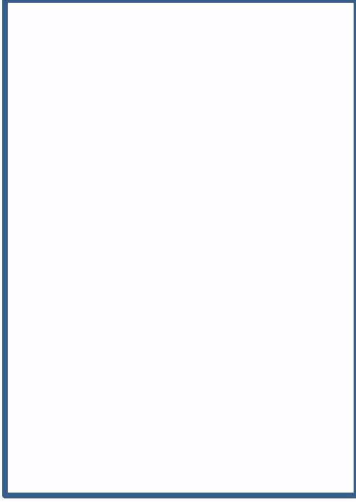


**FUCKIN INSANE PINOYS**



**HANG OUT BOYZ**

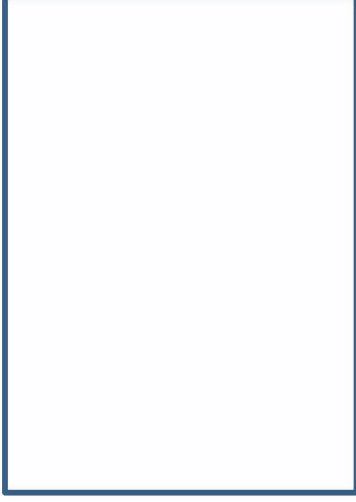
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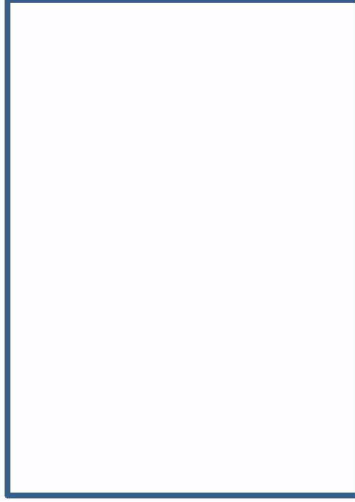
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RIVER ROAD GANGSTER BLOODS



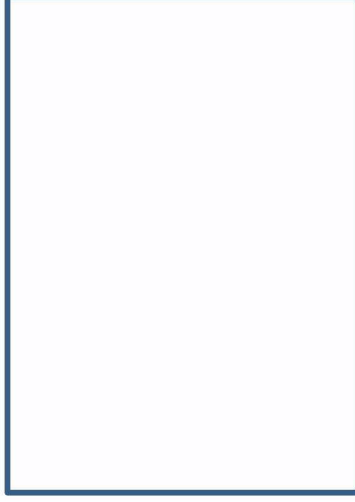
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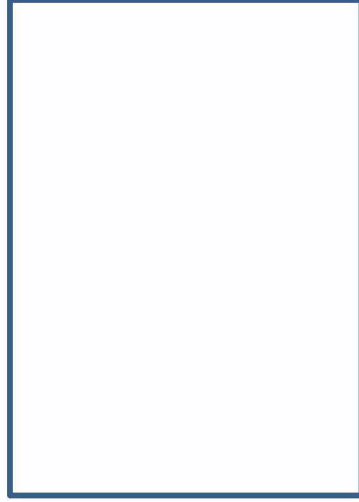
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HI POWER GANG TRECE



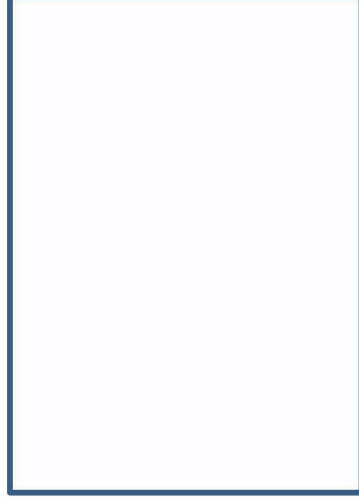
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GANG



4 BK



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