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Can Biker Gangs Keep the Peace?

Article published in the Times

09/01/2006 Chicago, IL | Since the mid-1990s, the nation's two largest biker gangs have maintained a reasonable truce in the Calumet region, one of few places where both have an established presence. Keep your fingers crossed that it lasts, though.



On Aug. 8, members of the Hells Angels crossed with members of the Outlaws in Custer State Park near Sturgis, S.D., during the annual Black Hills motorcycle rally that almost doubles the population of South Dakota for its duration.

Two men, including one who gave police a Valparaiso address, have been charged with crimes ranging from attempted murder to conspiracy. Both are affiliated with the Angels, one as a member and the other a prospective member.

The Angels own property near Sturgis, and the Outlaws have in the past stayed away but not this year. Which ended predictably when Angels confronted the Outlaws, shooting and wounding five people. This follows on the heels of a much nearer incident, an April 1 brawl at a motorcycle swap meet in South Bend, where the Angels have a chapter. When the Outlaws showed up, the two clubs started swapping fists, baseball bats and a hammer or two. Two bikers were injured but no charges were filed due to a lack of cooperation with police.

The Chicago area, including a southern crescent from Joliet to Gary, was considered exclusive Outlaws territory until the Angels opened a Chicago chapter with a clubhouse in Harvey in 1994, causing a violent reaction in which several people were killed. But a few years into the Chicago feud, things calmed down enough so that it's no longer unusual to see bikers wearing Angels or Outlaws insignia -- "colors," if you will -- on the open road. Both have lived in Lake and Porter counties with little incident. Now, that could change, those who monitor biker activity fear. It's not for nothing the Outlaws have as one of their slogans "God Forgives, Outlaws Don't."

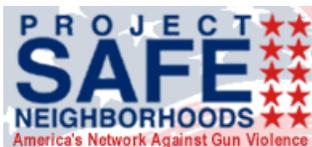
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Project Safe Neighborhoods Case Update

Department of Justice Press Release

On July 28, 2006, **Jeffery Hatcher**, 26, of Chicago, Illinois had his initial appearance following his arrest on a four-count indictment charging him with a variety of felony firearms and identity theft violations, including 1) making materially false statements regarding his criminal history and identity (including social security number, date of birth, and name) in the purchase of firearms, in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 922(a)(6); 3) being a felon in possession of two semi-automatic firearms, in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 922(g)(1); and 3) possessing a fraudulently issued state identification document for the purpose of defrauding the United States through violating the federal firearms laws, in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 1028(a)(4). In this case, the government has alleged that Hatcher used the stolen identity, including name, date of birth, and social security number, of an active duty member of the U.S. Navy to obtain a fraudulently issued State of Indiana identification card bearing the name, date of birth, and social security number of the military man but with Hatcher's photograph. The government has alleged that Hatcher obtained and used the stolen identity and fraudulently issued identification card to illegally purchase two semi-automatic firearms from a federally licensed firearms dealer in December 2003. The government has alleged that Hatcher, who is prohibited from possessing any firearms due to two prior felony drug dealing convictions, then transported these firearms to Illinois where he knowingly transferred them to gang members. The government has also alleged that one of these firearms has been recovered by the Chicago Police Department at a crime scene. This case was investigated by the ATF and the ATF/HIDTA Task Force with the assistance of the Chicago Police Department.



Student-Teacher Relations Key to Safety at Schools

Article published by The Times



08/29/2006 Chicago, IL | School security is a necessary practice in a world gone mad with school shootings, bomb threats and drugs.

The best deterrent to school offenses is knowing the students and creating a level of trust between teachers and students, said Kenneth Trump, president of National School Safety and Security Services. Trump speaks to schools across the country regarding school safety issues.

After the Columbine High School shootings in 1999, it's easy to have a knee-jerk reaction and install metal detectors, cameras, X-ray machines and do strip searches, Trump said.

"But all of that exists in prison and we still have drugs, weapons, sexual assault, gangs and homicides inside penal institutions," he said. "If we can't secure that environment 100 percent, it's unrealistic to think we can do the same in our schools."

Most school administrators use measures that include teachers getting to know students, identification cards, school resource officers, cameras, random drug searches, hand-held detectors, and in rare cases, metal detectors.

Full Story: http://www.thetimesonline.com/articles/2006/08/29/news/top_news/ea32aadceff86dc8862571d80083394e.txt

Alleged Gang 'King' on Trial in Drug-Conspiracy Case

Article published by the Chicago Tribune

08/31/2006 Chicago, IL | The alleged "king" of the Mafia Insane Vice Lords street gang went on trial Wednesday, with prosecutors charging that he and his associates ran a sophisticated organization that sold drugs for years across the West Side.

Troy Martin was the head of the gang, prosecutors told a jury in the courtroom of U.S. District Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer. He decided who would sell drugs at which corner and collected "street tax" for allowing them to do so, they said.

Assistant U.S. Atty. Jake Ryan told jurors that two of Martin's associates, Eddie Bell and Patrick Bray, were key players in the drug conspiracy, along with drug supplier Harry Gilmore. The trial of the four men is expected to last a month.



During that time jurors will hear from gang members who are now cooperating with the government, Ryan said, as well as one-time customers of the ring. The panel should also expect to hear recorded conversations where Martin and his associates are discussing the movement and sale of drugs in their territory, Ryan said.

The men would talk in code, Ryan said, using terms such as "baby pictures" when they were actually discussing cocaine or heroin.

Full Story: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/southsouthwest/chi-0608310275aug31,1,2626086.story?coll=chi-newslocalssouthwest-hed&ctrack=1&cset=true>



Chicago Man Charged with Homicide for Selling Fentanyl-laced Heroin

Article published by the Associated Press

08/24/2006 Chicago, IL | A reputed Chicago street gang member was charged Thursday with drug-induced homicide for allegedly selling a fatal batch of fentanyl-laced heroin to a suburban teenager.



Corey Crump, 35, is the first person in Illinois to face the charge in relation to the use of the fentanyl-laced drug, authorities said at a news conference. He is accused of selling the tainted heroin to 17-year-old Joseph Kreckler and was ordered held on \$80,000 bond during a court hearing Thursday.

Fentanyl is a highly powerful synthetic drug that has caused hundreds of deaths in eight states, including Pennsylvania, when combined with heroin.

Kreckler, whose father is the deputy chief of the Franklin Park Police Department, was found dead inside his vehicle June 6 just a short distance from Crump's home, authorities said.

Police officials said Thursday that they used phone records and witness statements to link Crump — a self-admitted member of the Conservative Vice Lords — to the drugs responsible for Kreckler's death. Undercover police officers assisted in the investigation by posing as suburban youths and purchasing drugs, police said.

"He sold to the victim as a supplier, causing (the victim's) death," said police Sgt. Charles Daly, who helped lead the investigation.

Since last spring, 185 deaths in Cook County have been linked to tainted heroin, 145 of them in Chicago alone, police said.

Full Story: <http://www.pennlive.com/newsflash/pa/index.ssf?/base/news-41/1156468157292920.xml&storylist=penn>

Cops Offer Rewards in Fight on Graffiti

Article published by the Chicago Tribune

08/25/2006 West Chicago, IL | West Chicago police are hoping for help fighting gangs through a new program that will reward residents for reporting graffiti vandals, police said.



The new Spray and Pay program is offering residents a \$200 reward if they give police information that leads to the arrest and conviction of anyone spraying graffiti.

The idea behind the program was to get the community more involved in fighting gang activity, West Chicago Cmdr. Bruce Malkin said. Though police routinely get graffiti removed within 48 hours, they need more help figuring out who is spraying, he said.

Graffiti can be a problem for the community, because it's a sign of gang activity, he said. Gangs sometimes fight over where graffiti is painted, though West Chicago police haven't witnessed much of that yet, he said. Residents can call the department's Graffiti Control Program hot line, at 630-231-1711, to report the crime, police said

Full Story: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/west/chi-0608250280aug25.1.6494839.story>



Total of 16 Convicted in California-to-Oklahoma Gang-related Narcotics Trafficking Enterprise

Article published by the Department of Justice

08/28/2006 Oklahoma City, OK | John C. Richter, United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, announced that Erick Orozco (a/k/a/ "Trips"), 31, of Bell Garden, California, was sentenced by United States District Judge David Russell to serve 240 months in prison for conspiracy to launder money based on his receipt of drug proceeds wire transferred to California from Oklahoma.

Orozco was charged along with 11 other co-defendants in a 79-count indictment alleging that from the spring of 2002 through the fall of 2003, the defendants conspired to operate a major drug trafficking enterprise to distribute crystal methamphetamine and cocaine. Eight other individuals were also separately charged as a result of the investigation. Two defendants are presently fugitives, one was acquitted at trial and charges against one were dismissed. Of the 16 convicted, six had direct ties to violent California street gangs and four had ties to the Mexican Mafia.



In 2001, defendants who were members of the Los Angeles based street gang known as the Compton Varrio Tortilla Flats moved to Oklahoma City and associated with members of a local street gang. The defendants arranged for members of the Compton Varrio Tortilla Flats gang to bring large quantities of crystal methamphetamine and cocaine to Oklahoma City for redistribution.

Cooperating defendants, witnesses and confidential informants all provided information that led to surveillance, arrests, search warrants, and the seizure of significant quantities of crystal methamphetamine and cocaine. Investigators were able to document the importation of additional quantities of crystal methamphetamine and cocaine into Oklahoma prior to the investigation. The organization was held accountable for a total of 42 lbs. of

crystal methamphetamine, conservatively estimated to have a “street” value of over \$3.8 Million and 5 ½ lbs. of cocaine, conservatively estimated to have a “street” value of over \$515,000. IRS investigators documented Western Union wire transfers totaling over \$244,000 in drug proceeds between Oklahoma City, California and Florida. This was a particularly violent drug trafficking organization that used threats and violence to enforce its operation.

Full Story: http://www.ntxe-news.com/artman/publish/article_36419.shtml



Six Charged with Distributing Ecstasy

Article published by the WRCB 3 Eyewitness News

08/21/2006 Polk County, TN | Three suspects were arrested in connection with a body found in Polk County's national park. And at least two admitted they're members of MS-13. Police say the gang MS-13 might not be as commonly known as the Blood and the Crips. But they say MS-13's are dangerous and they're here.

"We know there's a presence here. How big and how wide spread, I don't know yet," says Lt. Ken Simpson, with the Cleveland Police Department.

Simpson says the gang MS-13, or Mara Salvatrucha, is in Tennessee. This comes after Cesar Ortiz, Edwin Almenderez-Ulloa and a minor were arrested in connection with a body found in Polk County. Police say Ulloa and the minor admitted to being members of MS-13.

"These groups exist and they're here. It's not something that's occurring in California or New York...it's here," Simpson says.

Simpson says there's been a lot of gang activity around the Cherokee national forest. He says MS-13 members identify themselves with tattoos and graffiti.

Full Story: <http://www.wrcbtv.com/news/index.cfm?sid=2920>



Alleged Gang Member Caught In Loudoun

Article published by Leesburg Today

08/25/2006 Omaha, NE | An alleged MS-13 gang member convicted of murder who escaped from a prison in El Salvador was captured in Loudoun County in July.



Loudoun Sheriff's Office spokesman Kraig Troxell explained that the authorities didn't release details of the capture because they weren't positive the person was Juan Elias Rodriguez-Luna. Confirmation that the person was Rodriguez-Luna came Wednesday, he said.

He was under a false name, Troxell said. We believed it was this guy.

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Loudoun Sheriff's Gang Intelligence Unit investigated the case. Luna escaped from the Ciudad Barrios Prison in El Salvador in August 2005. He was serving time for homicide and is an alleged MS-13 gang member, Troxell said.

Full Story: <http://www.leesburg2day.com/current.cfm?catid=6&newsid=12422>

White T-shirt is Fashion Necessity with a Bad Rap

Article published by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

08/07/2006 Pittsburgh, PA | They hang like drapes over the frames of spindly boys and potbellied men alike. Blowing in the wind and sometimes wrapped around heads like a turban fighting off the glare of the sunshine, supersized white T-shirts are staples among urban youths and suburban wannabes.

Once confined to undershirt status -- hidden beneath flashy shirts and polo tops -- the white tee has surfaced as a phenomenon of its own, now such an emblem that it's a banned item on many club and school dress codes. Up and down the streets of many of Pittsburgh's 88 neighborhoods, the nerds and the hoods are all slipping on their white tees for the down-status statement or minimalist simplicity.

An ode to the shirt by the rap group Dem Franchise Boyz sums up the feeling held deep within the movement of the crisp, clean white tee wearers: *"I slang in my White Tee. I bang in my White Tee. All in the club spitting game in my White Tee. I bling in my White Tee."*

The white tee -- as implied by the drug references in the song -- has also surfaced as a common element in several police descriptions broadcast by emergency dispatchers for suspects, rowdy teens and groups of loitering youths.

Full Story: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/06219/711696-85.stm>



National

18 Arrested in Plot to Disrupt High School Jamboree

Article published by the Associated Press

08/15/2006 Columbia, SC | Eighteen people who police say were involved in setting up a possible attack at a Friday night high school event have been arrested, according to Richland County authorities.

"When you have these events, we are prepared for them," Sheriff Leon Lott said Tuesday. "I think we prevented something from happening."

Some of the suspects have gang affiliations, and some are U.S. Marines.



The arrests were made Sunday as the group met in a vacant Columbia building once used as a community center and elementary school. The suspects were planning to start a fight at a jamboree at Irmo High School, Lott said. All 18 were charged with trespassing, and at least one faces a weapons charge. More charges could be forthcoming, authorities said.

Four of those arrested are Marines based in Beaufort and were turned over to the Marine Corps, the military said in a release. They have been charged with trespassing and were being processed for pretrial confinement at the Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station, but one of the Marines was missing from the military installation Tuesday. Authorities were searching for Pvt. Carlos M. Downing, the military said.

Most of the 12 juveniles and six adults arrested were from the Columbia area, police said. The meeting was organized using the social networking Web site MySpace.com, authorities said.

Full Story: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/mld/myrtlebeachonline/news/local/15280706.htm>

Gang Unit Swoops Down

Article published by the St. Petersburg Times

08/21/2006 Tampa, FL | More than 100 officers from at least six law enforcement agencies raided what they called a statewide leadership meeting of the notorious Latin Kings gang Sunday, arresting dozens.



As authorities in gloves carried brown paper bags out of the Caribbean American Club off Interbay Boulevard and searched vehicles, one handcuffed young man flashed a sign behind his back. Other men sporting baggy shirts of black and gold, the gang's colors, were questioned as several young women were escorted into Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office vans.

Along with sheriff's deputies, agents with the Tampa Police Department, the State Attorney's Office, the FBI, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were on scene.

The Latin Kings, the oldest and largest Hispanic-led gang with roots in Chicago, has strong ties in Tampa. Last year, the Hillsborough Sheriff's Office and the FBI identified at least 122 members in the county, making it Hillsborough's largest gang. They're not afraid to make themselves known, either. On his MySpace.com profile, Antonio Arriaga, 20, of New Port Richey boasts "kings for lyfe" on his profile and posts the gang's five-pointed crown symbol, its crest and a video of two men making the gang sign.

Full Story: http://www.sptimes.com/2006/08/21/Hillsborough/Gang_unit_swoops_down.shtml



Cops: Gang Leaders Led Quiet Public Lives

Article published by the Orlando Sentinel

08/24/2006 Ocoee, FL | The boss of bosses of Florida's biggest prison gang worked out every day on the back porch of his Lumberjack Lane home, where butterfly wind chimes rang in the breeze.



Morning and afternoon, neighbors say, Michael Lugo curled a barbell loaded with 160 pounds of steel plates and boxed with an Everlast punching bag. His arrest in May enabled law enforcement to conduct a sweep of the Latin Kings' hierarchy Sunday, arresting 39 of the gang's top members at a Tampa nightclub.

"Oh, my word. You never know who your neighbors are," a resident said Wednesday upon learning that Lugo is head of the Latin Kings in Florida. "I thought he was a professional boxer."

Lugo's nearly anonymous existence did not surprise investigators asked about it after this week's massive strike against the gang's leadership. On Sunday, all 39 known officers of the Latin Kings in Florida were arrested while they were meeting to discuss who would take over while Lugo was behind bars, investigators said.

Most of the leaders led quiet public lives with day jobs that had nothing to do with the violence and heroin dealing associated with the gang, investigators said. Jorge "King Buffy" Villacis of Deltona, for instance, worked for Volusia County as a Votran bus driver.

"Older gang members realize that attracting attention to themselves is going to do nothing but attract law enforcement," said Sgt. Ken Parker of the Orange County sheriff's Gang Unit. "They get smarter as they get older."

Full Story: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/orange/orl-mlatinkings2406aug24,0,4215327.story?coll=orl-news-headlines-orange>

Special Feature

Many Biker Gang Members Armed – Legally

Article published by The Chicago Sun-Times

08/11/2006 Pierre, SD | It would have been an unusual traffic stop any other time of year in South Dakota, but stopping several armed members of the Outlaws biker gang Thursday evening was not peculiar, a law officer said Friday. That's because of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.



Motorcycle gang members carrying concealed handguns are stopped daily during the event that draws throngs of bikers and others to the Black Hills each August, said Capt. Kevin Joffer, district commander of the Highway Patrol at Sioux Falls.

"We tell the media not to sensationalize this because this is not out of the ordinary," he said. "Please don't get people excited because this is going on every day at the rally where law enforcement's encountering these gangs."

"Is it out of the ordinary from what we normally encounter throughout the year in South Dakota? Yes, it is. But the rally is different. Officers stop some of these motorcycle gang members, and there are several of them that do carry weapons."

Full Story:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/new_hampshire/articles/2006/08/11/many_biker_gang_members_armed_legally/



Judge Sets \$5 Million Bond in Motorcycle Gang Shooting Cases

Article published by The Casper Star Tribune

08/11/2006 Rapid City, SD | A judge has set bonds of five million dollars each for two men - one from Indiana - charged with shooting at five rival motorcycle gang members in southwest South Dakota.

Two men have been arrested and charged with five counts each of attempted murder after a biker-gang related gunfight in Custer State Park that seriously injured six people.

Meanwhile, an Illinois biker was stabbed to death on a shuttle bus taking campers to Sturgis, S.D., for the annual motorcycle rally. Officials said that incident appeared to be an altercation between two individuals and not anything gang related.

Sara Rabern of the South Dakota attorney general's office on Wednesday identified the men arrested in the shooting as Chad John Wilson, 30, of Lynnwood, Wash., and John James Midmore, 32, of Valparaiso, Ind. Wilson is a confirmed Hells Angel member, and Midmore is believed to be associated with the motorcycle gang, Rabern said. A criminal investigator confirmed that the shootings involved rival motorcycle gangs.

The wounded people, whose names had not been released late Wednesday afternoon, were affiliated with the Outlaws motorcycle gang. Two were in critical condition at Rapid City Regional Hospital, and a third was flown to a Sioux Falls hospital and was in stable condition, Rabern said.

Full Story: <http://www.wishtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=5266150&nav=0Ra7>

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<http://www.jacksonholestartrib.com/articles/2006/08/10/news/wyoming/34be2d6f54e59283872571c5008057ba.txt>

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