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Alleged gang plot to target Brockton officer foiled; 12 face charges

Police say groups sought retaliation

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BOSTON, MA | Authorities said yesterday that they have foiled a plot to retaliate against the Brockton police officer who shot and killed a reputed gang member last month.

Members of the Green Street and Bloods gangs allegedly pledged to retaliate against the police officer who shot and killed John Earl Parks of Brockton on Nov. 5, US Attorney Michael J. Sullivan said in a written statement.



After Brockton officers stopped Parks in an alleged drug deal near Warren Avenue and Green Street, Parks fled on foot and fired a gun at officers, Police Chief William K. Conlon said. Officers returned fire, killing the 25-year-old.

After learning of the alleged plot to target the officer, Brockton police arrested 12 suspected gang members on gun and drug-related charges yesterday.

Source: CBS wbztv.com

Eight Brockton residents - John Goncalves, 22; Placido Pereira, 22; Dennis Afonso, 25; Emmanuel Teixeira, 18; Rodney Gallaway, 29; Embassi Dosanjos, 24; Johnny Richmond, 21; and Daquan Jones, 18 - were charged with federal offenses ranging from conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine to distribution of crack cocaine within a school zone, Sullivan said. If convicted, the men face up to 20 years' imprisonment, Sullivan said.

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Four other Brockton men - William Hart, 36, Angel Otero, 19, David Stuart, 18, and Edson Miranda, 29 - were charged on the state level with distributing crack cocaine or possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, Sullivan said. The men could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted, the US Attorney said.

Conlon said an investigation monitoring violent and drug-related gang activity in the city began earlier this year and would have continued were it not for "imminent danger" against police.

"It's a relief for our residents," Conlon said. Gangs "have been a plague on the neighborhoods, and the good people of city deserve better."

Plymouth District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz said the arrests send a strong message that the community stands with its police officers.

"We will not tolerate a threat to their safety or to the law-abiding people who they serve," Cruz said.

The State Police Gang Unit and Federal Bureau of Investigation, in addition to Brockton police, investigated the cases. FBI Special Agent Warren Bamford emphasized the severity of the charges against the gang members.

"The FBI, along with its law enforcement partners, will not rest until we root out the gangs that terrorize our communities," Bamford said.



Man shot outside bar in city

Published by the Northwest Indiana Times, nwi.com on December 29, 2008

LAKE STATION| A fight inside a downtown bar early Sunday morning ended in the parking lot with the shooting of a Lake Station man, Assistant Police Chief John McDaniel said.

The victim, Robert Edmond, 21, suffered at least two gunshot wounds, one to his left shoulder and one to his left hip. Edmond initially was taken by ambulance to St. Mary Medical Center in Hobart, then later transported to Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Ill., because of the nature of his injuries, McDaniel said.

Police were dispatched to Hide-A-While Lounge, 1233 Central Ave., a little before 3 a.m. on a call of a fight inside the business. As officers pulled up to the bar, they heard gunshots and saw people fleeing the area. Police found Edmond -- who was conscious and speaking -- in the parking lot, McDaniel said.

Witnesses interviewed by authorities said the fight had started inside the bar between Edmond and three unknown men. They told police Edmond had confronted one of the men because he was flirting with Edmond's girlfriend. Witnesses said that during the argument both sides were flashing gang signs. Edmond then pulled out a can of pepper spray and sprayed the three men, witnesses told police. A large fight started inside the bar, and Edmond sprayed several people, McDaniel said.

As bar patrons ran outside to get fresh air, the group of three men ran to the parking lot. One of the men reportedly returned to the business, and witnesses said they saw him run to the front with a black-colored handgun. The man then pointed the gun at Edmond, who was outside the bar, and fired four rounds before fleeing the area on foot.

The shooter is described as a Hispanic man in his mid-20s, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing 220 pounds and wearing a gray sweatshirt. Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Sgt. Kevin Garber at (219) 962-1186, ext. 233.

Six 'violent gang members' arrested in Sturgis

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STURGIS, MI | Six illegal alien gang members from Mexico were arrested late Wednesday in Sturgis as part of a joint local action with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, according to David Ives, Sturgis Police deputy chief. The joint local enforcement — Operation Community Shield — is part of an ongoing ICE effort targeting foreign-born members of violent gangs.

The operation targeted foreign-born members and associates of the Surenos 13 and Southside 18 street gangs. All six of the arrested were illegally in the United States and will face deportation hearings.

Two men, twin brothers Rene and Raul Maldonado-Gonzalez, will also be prosecuted on identity and document fraud charges. Police said another person arrested was providing false documents to gang members and other illegal aliens in the area.

The remaining three aliens arrested face administrative immigration charges, and are currently in ICE custody pending their deportation. ICE does not release the names of those arrested on administrative immigration charges.



Twin brothers Rene (left) and Raul Maldonado-Gonzalez, will also be prosecuted on identity and document fraud charges. They are two of six gang members arrested in Sturgis.

“The arrest and ultimate removal of these gang members has an immediate positive impact on the safety of the communities in Western Michigan,” Brian Moskowitz, special agent in charge for ICE’s Office of Investigations in Detroit, said via a press release.

Additional Information:

Since ICE began 'Operation Community Shield' in February 2005, more than 11,400 gang members belonging to more than 700 different gangs have been arrested nationwide. More information on Operation Community Shield is available at www.ice.gov.

To report suspicious activity, call ICE at (866) 347-2423.



15 Suspected Latino Gang Members Arrested

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COLUMBUS, OH | Police and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security arrested 15 people on Friday who they said were members of the MS-13 gang.

Investigators told 10TV's Andy Hirsch that the arrests will put a significant dent in the gang's Columbus operation. The arrests were made between 3 and 7 p.m. on the city's north side, including Tamarack Circle. Areas around Interstate 71 and state Route 161 were targeted. Police did not immediately release the names of the people they arrested.

"Clearly, we believe that MS-13 is one of the more notorious gangs for violence," said Cmdr. Jeffrey Blackwell of the Columbus Police Strategic Response Bureau.

Investigators pointed to a 2006 quadruple shooting at a Mexican restaurant, when two people were shot to death in front of others as they ate. Police said that MS-13 gang members committed the slayings.



MS 13 gang graffiti/doodles
Source: photobucket.com

According to police, the gang is concentrated mainly on the city's north side but has spread to areas including the west side and Whitehall.

"One of the problems of the Hispanic community is they're so afraid," Blackwell said. "They're so fearful of retaliatory acts by MS-13 members. It really hampers investigations."

Investigators would not comment on what prompted Friday's roundup. None of the 15 alleged gang members were charged with murder but investigators said that MS-13 is connected to at least two recent slayings in the city.



MS 13 gang members. Note: not an actual photo from the incident. Source: fbi.gov

MS-13 operates in at least 42 states and the District of Columbia. It has between 6,000 and 10,000 members nationwide. They often recruit middle and high school students. MS-13 members are known for violent crimes, including rape, murder, carjackings and home invasions, police said.



Alleged Gang Member Caught In N.Ky.

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COVINGTON, KY | Another alleged member of a notorious Northside street gang is under arrest after police found him living in Northern Kentucky.



Police arrested 21-year-old Oliver McLean Wednesday night in Covington. McLean was then extradited back to Hamilton County to face charges in connection to his alleged involvement with the "Northside Taliband" gang.

He is facing one count of participating in a criminal gang, as well as cocaine and marijuana charges.

A total of 26 people were taken into custody on the first day of a multi-agency roundup in mid-November. Eight of those arrested were charged with gang activity.



14 Arrested in West Side Drug Market Bust

Published by Fox News Chicago, myfoxchicago.com on December 13, 2008

Chicago, IL | Fourteen men were arrested and charged Wednesday after Chicago Police shut down a West Side drug market run by a street gang.

Chicago Police and the FBI started Operation "Senecio" in December 2007, according to a police News Affairs release. Using undercover drug purchases, confidential informants and surveillance techniques, police were able to arrest and charge 14 members of the Conservative Vice Lords street gang.

The gang operated in an area they dubbed the "Holy City" on the West Side, primarily in the Lawndale and Little Village neighborhoods.

Officials recovered 3,000 grams of crack cocaine, 850 grams of heroine, more than \$43,000 cash, three vehicles, two handguns and two shotguns, the release said.

Twelve of the gang members were charged with federal drug conspiracy and two with possession of a controlled substance.



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Avenues gang members arrested in slaying of L.A. sheriff's deputy

Juan Abel Escalante was gunned down outside his parents' Cypress Park home as he prepared to go to work. LAPD sources say the two suspects are well-known members of the gang.

Published by the Los Angeles Times on December 14, 2008

LOS ANGELES, CA | As the wife and three children of slain Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Juan Abel Escalante solemnly looked on, top law enforcement and city officials announced Saturday that two men had been arrested in the deputy's shooting death, although the motive in the killing is unclear.

The two suspects -- Guillermo Hernandez, 20, and Carlos Velasquez, 24 -- were described by Los Angeles Police Department sources as well-known members of the notorious Avenues gang, which has long feuded with the Cypress Park gang whose territory includes the northeast Los Angeles neighborhood where Escalante lived. Hernandez and Velasquez were booked on murder charges after their arrest late Friday night and are being held without bail.

Despite the suspects' gang affiliation, investigators still don't know why Escalante was shot near the 3400 block of Thorpe Avenue on Aug. 2. At Saturday's news conference, police did not say whether the shooting was a random attack or Escalante was targeted.

"We are still seeking additional information," said Los Angeles Police Chief William J. Bratton, adding that the investigation has been "very, very, very difficult." He said police were aided by tipsters. There is still "an effort to search for additional suspects that may have been involved in the murder of Escalante," according to a police statement.

Escalante, 27, who worked at the Men's Central jail guarding some of the county's most dangerous inmates, was gunned down outside his parents' Cypress Park home about 5:40 a.m. as he prepared to go to work. He was adjusting a child's car seat in a vehicle when he was shot in the back of the head.



Source: www.lasd.org

Celeste Escalante heard the gunfire, looked out her window and saw her husband lying on the ground. Escalante was a 2 1/2 year-veteran of the sheriff's department and had served in the U.S. Army Reserve.

"When one of us is brutally killed, all of us grieve," Sheriff Lee Baca said at Saturday's news conference. "Hopefully, this will lift some of the pain that's on your shoulders," Baca said, speaking to Celeste Escalante, who stood onstage with her two young sons, daughter and in-laws.

A joint task force of LAPD robbery-homicide detectives, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's homicide bureau members and members of the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas unit have been investigating the case. Early on, detectives wondered whether the shooting was related to Escalante's job at the jail, where he guarded inmates that included members of the Mexican Mafia. They also examined his personal life for possible clues. Then investigators considered a new scenario: that Escalante was killed by local gang members, perhaps by gunmen who did not know he was a law officer. The investigators were particularly interested in the feud between the Avenues gang and the rival Cypress Park gang.

Bratton said investigators obtained a series of search and arrest warrants on Thursday and made the arrests the following day. Bratton asked for patience and said officials would be able to divulge more information after the case is filed with the Los Angeles County district attorney's office this week.

The Cypress Park neighborhood where Escalante grew up had experienced a lull in gang violence in recent years until rival groups began violently feuding in January. In February, a shooting outside an elementary school a few blocks from the Escalante family home sparked a fierce gun battle between gang members and police in neighboring Glassell Park.

The Avenues gang took root in the 1950s and derives its name from the avenues that cross Figueroa Street. It is among the most powerful gangs in the city and retains strong ties to the Mexican Mafia gang, known as the Eme, which is a dominant force in California prisons. The violence led to a raid mostly targeting the Avenues gang in late June by police and federal agents, who stormed an area around Drew Street, about a mile north of where Escalante was killed.

In November, police announced a \$95,000 reward for anyone with information leading to a prosecution in the deputy's killing. He and his family had been living with his parents while waiting to move into a new Pomona home. Late last month, Celeste Escalante pleaded for witnesses to come forward.

"I know somebody saw. I know somebody heard it," said Celeste Escalante, the deputy's childhood sweetheart. "Please call and let them know what you know. Let the kids and I and my in-laws have closure . . . so we can know whoever did this is brought to justice."

Baca, Bratton, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and other city officials said the arrests provided some closure to the shooting but would not end the investigation. Councilman Ed Reyes announced that at least \$75,000 in reward

money is still available. Villaraigosa told how Escalante had worked at a local market as a young man, made his way through high school and "rejected the conventional wisdom and defied the odds."

Escalante was the eldest son of immigrant parents from the Mexican state of Yucatan; his mother worked at a candy store and his father was a construction laborer.

"With today's arrest of gang members for the murder of Sheriff's Deputy Juan Abel Escalante, two accused killers are one step closer to justice," said a statement released by Paul M. Weber, president of the Los Angeles Police Protective League. "We also hope these arrests bring a bit of peace to Deputy Escalante's family and colleagues."

For video coverage of the press conference announcing the arrests visit:

<http://www.latimes.com/news/print/edition/california/la-me-arrests14-2008dec14,0,2466400.story>



33 Members Of 2 Opa-Locka Gangs Facing Narcotics, Gun Charges

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OPA-LOCKA, FL| Authorities have arrested and charged 33 members of two alleged Opa-Locka gangs.

The United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida announced Wednesday the break up of two indictments against 33 defendants on federal drug and gun charges in connection with two separate investigations into drug trafficking gangs in Opa-Locka.

Of the 33 defendants, Anthony Smith remains at large. The men and women appeared in court Wednesday, officials said.

The attorney's office said that the first investigation, Operation Cold Turkey, resulted in the arrest of 17 men, the seizure of approximately 40 firearms, including assault weapons and machine guns, and a ballistics vest.

According to officials, the investigation identified Vashawn Young as a main supplier of narcotics in an Opa-Locka drug trafficking gang ("the Young Gang"). Authorities said that Delvin Robinson was a lieutenant in the Young Gang, responsible for overseeing daily drug trafficking activities. It is estimated that the Young Gang trafficked in approximately 8,200 grams of marijuana, 560 grams of crack cocaine, 700 grams of powder cocaine, and 500 MDMA in just a one-month period.

The men were charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine, powder cocaine, marijuana and MDMA; multiple counts of illegal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; and multiple counts of possession with intent to distribute and distribution of narcotics. If convicted of these charges, they face from five years to life in prison, depending on the charges. Officials said they charged:

- Vashawn Isaac Young, a/k/a "Trick" and "Dollars," age 27
- Delvin Robinson, a/k/a "D," age 28
- Audrei Butler, a/k/a "Auberi," age 28
- Erick Hinds, a/k/a "E," age 27
- Luther Boykin, a/k/a "Chico," age 43
- Anthony Smith, age 29
- Quinton Mcghee, a/k/a "Q," age 25



- Marcus Carroll, a/k/a "Man" and "Soup," age 28
- Vance Williams, a/k/a "Vipe," age 28
- Tauvaris Hall, a/k/a "T," age 26
- Montecello Cooper, JR., a/k/a "Fats," age 27
- Hollis K. Oliver, a/k/a "Hollis J. Smith" and "Hot Boy," age 32
- Pernel D. Scott, a/k/a "P-Dubb," age 23
- Jonathan Daniels, a/k/a "Hound," age 26
- Shane Ricardo Brown, a/k/a "Shane," age 26
- Maurice Williams, age 22
- Curtis Hanks, a/k/a "Swag," age 27

Authorities said the second investigation, Operation Lockdown, resulted in the indictment of 20 additional defendants associated with a separate Opa-Locka drug trafficking gang.

Everette W. Slocum Jr. and his uncle, Reginald Holsey, were identified as the leaders of the Holsey drug gang ("the Holsey Gang"), officials said.

According to evidence gathered during the investigation, it is estimated that the gang trafficked in approximately 1 kilogram of crack cocaine, 1 kilogram of powder cocaine, and 100 grams of heroin in a one-month period.

The men and women were charged with conspiracy to possess with intent distribute heroin, crack and powder cocaine, and additional counts of substantive narcotics distribution. If convicted, they face five years to life in prison. Officials said they charged:

- Terrance Scott, a/k/a "T," age 32
- Luis Ortiz Simono a/k/a "Lou," age 38
- Reynaldo Diaz, age 31
- Reginald Holsey, a/k/a "Cornbread" and "CB," age 45
- Torrence Holmes, a/k/a "Ton Ton," age 27
- Anthony Smith, age 29
- Erick Hinds, a/k/a "E," age 27
- Vance Williams, a/k/a "Vipe," age 28
- Delvin Robinson, a/k/a "D," age 28
- Taquilla Williams, a/k/a "Quilla," age 26
- Sandra Rawlins, a/k/a "Red" and "Sandra Robinson Stephens," age 43
- Terrell Stephens, age 25,
- Cassandra Clarke, a/k/a "San," age 53
- Charles Murray, age 43
- Eddie Ingram, a/k/a "Blow," age 28
- Latiska Patterson, a/k/a "Tisi," age 33
- Larry Hunter, age 56
- Mark McKinnon, age 51
- Charmis Grant, a/k/a "Charm," age 30
- Everette Slocum, Jr., a/k/a "E" and "Eldridge," age 33



U.S. Attorney R. Alexander Acosta said there is a zero-tolerance policy for gangs.

"Gangs and the guns and drugs that they bring are not welcome in Miami, and our prosecutions make that clear. If you are in a gang, if you sell drugs, and if you have a gun, you will face federal charges," Acosta said. "Our focus on gang and gun violence has resulted in increased prosecutions for our community. In 2006, the U.S. Attorney's Office prosecuted



224 gun defendants. That number rose to 307 in 2007, and jumped to a staggering 409 defendants in 2008."

FBI Special Agent in Charge Jonathan I. Solomon said officials will continue to work together to crack down on gang violence and drugs.

"The arrest of these gang members has struck a serious blow to a violent gang network affecting several neighborhoods in South Florida,' he said. "The FBI will continue to leverage its local, state, federal and international partnerships, working together to protect our communities."



Rodney Ballentine, Chief of the Opa-Locka Police Department agreed and said that "the combined effort of the law enforcement agencies involved in these operations have produced great results."

These two indictments are the result of two investigations jointly conducted by the FBI, ATF, DEA, Miami-Dade, and Opa-Locka Police Departments.

Officials said that law enforcement determined a need to focus resources to combat violence in the City of Opa-Locka following the October 2006 shooting of two police officers.



LA official sues gang leaders

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LOS ANGELES, CA | The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office filed a first-of-its-kind lawsuit against gang leaders, seeking money for neighborhoods affected by their activities.

The Los Angeles Times reported Monday that the lawsuit against the 18th Street Gang leaders seeks to recover money for property damage, losses in property values, emotional distress, personal injury, medical expenses, and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by residents.



"Today, we're sending a message to gang leaders across this city: If you break the law, we will not only find you, arrest you, and put you behind bars; we will also take away your money, your property, your homes, and your cars. And for the first time ever, we will return that money to the communities you have brutalized," said City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo."

Listed as defendants in the lawsuit are Sergio Pantoja, Frank Martinez, Araceli Aravo, Michael Pineda, Jose Juan Alvarez, Noe Chavez, Efrain Ruiz Torres, Jose Morales Perez and Ruben "Niteowl" Castro.

For related story see: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/1349775,CST-NWS-gangsuit26.article>



Hollister gangsters shoot up party, try to evade police at 120 mph

Published by The Gilroy Dispatch on December 15, 2008

GILROY, CA | Two Hollister gang members shot up a party and tried to evade police, driving for 20 miles at speeds up to 120 mph, police said. The incident marked the fifth gang shooting in Gilroy in one month.

Roberto Martinez, 18, and a 17-year-old whose name police did not release, were at a party at a home on the 9200 block of Sagewood Court in north Gilroy about 11:45 p.m. Friday, police said. During the party, the two teens got into a fight and Martinez fired shots, injuring another person. Many people called in to report the gunshots.

The teens then fled from the house, driving right past Gilroy officer Jose Barrera - who was in the middle of a traffic stop - in a Volkswagen Passat without its headlights on, police said. Barrera called ahead to nearby officer Noel Lemus, who tried to stop the vehicle without success.

The teens then led Gilroy police and San Benito County Sheriff's deputies on a 20-mile chase to Hollister, during which the teens' car reached 120 mph, police said.

During the chase, the teens tossed a gun out of the car, but police later found it, police said. Also during the chase, Saint Louise Regional Hospital told police that a shooting victim came in for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. The victim was later released.



After endangering the lives of numerous motorists, police and sheriff's deputies managed to stop and arrest the teens, police said. They were booked for attempted murder, conspiracy to commit a crime, possession of stolen property - the gun - and felony evading of police officers.

The two teens were members of a gang and multiple people at the party where the incident occurred were gang members, police said.

In addition, the traffic stop conducted by Barrera that the teens drove by involved three more people who may have been headed to the party, police said. The BMW that was stopped was headed in the direction of the party.

During the stop, Barrera surmised that the three occupants were smoking marijuana, police said. When Barrera saw a dagger, he decided to search the car, which resulted in him finding another concealed knife and a gun with an obliterated serial number. Two of the three occupants were arrested on suspicion of possession of a concealed firearm, possession of a firearm in a vehicle, possession of a firearm with obliterated serial number, and possession of concealed dangerous weapons.



Two Stabbed as Biker Gangs Brawl at Wedding Chapel

Published by CBS8 News, Las Vegas Now News on December 21, 2008

LAS VEGAS, NV | Only in Vegas! Two weddings, one after the other at a chapel attended by two rival bike gangs, became a recipe for violence ending with two people stabbed. It happened Saturday at the Special Memory Wedding Chapel in Downtown.



The Manager of the chapel said they'd inadvertently scheduled the ceremonies back-to-back, not knowing the gang members were going to be there.

As the first ceremony was finishing, another wedding attended by rival gang members, was scheduled. As the rival gang members arrived it wasn't long before the scuffle was underway. That's when two people were stabbed in the melee. The extent of the injuries or where the injured were taken is not known.

Metro quickly descended on the scene and the Gang Unit is said to have taken over the investigation. Lieutenant Richard Fletcher with Metro says there is video of the incident, "We have some video that we are reviewing. It won't be released at this time. It has been turned over to detectives."

The names of the biker gangs involved in the melee are not being released. The investigation into the brawl is continuing.

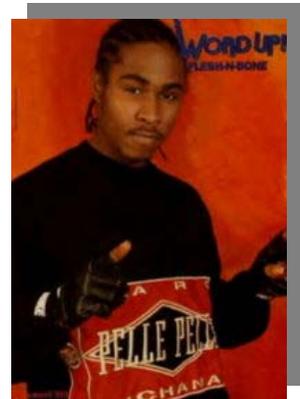
Special Feature

Bone Thugs Member Sounds off on Jail, Gang Violence

Published by Hip Hop DX News, hiphopdx.com on December 20, 2008

After a new millennium that saw one of the best selling rap groups of the 90s in limbo, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony have reunited—all five of them. With a reunion tour and a new album in the works, the Brothers Bone have been low key when it comes to media appearances. However, Flesh recently granted an interview to the Ventura County Star, dropping his thoughts on some serious topics such as jail and gang violence. The Fifth Dawg served nearly eight years in prison after a weapons and probation violation.

"Prison teaches you everything," Flesh said. "Life outside keeps going, and you have to keep going as well — spiritually, mentally and physically. I had to make a transition into the growing-up phase."



While locked down, the rapper said he took up a number of vocations to pass the time and learn new skills. "I had to make the decision to do something positive and focus my energies on learning a trade. I took landscaping, dry

cleaning, brick masonry, silk screening — about seven or eight trades. And I stayed productive with my music, reading the Bible and the Quran, studying and just staying busy.”

When the subject turned to gangs, Flesh pulled no punches, calling the violence a “plague” and offered some words of advice to those who opt for the allure of the streets over an education.

“It’s the worst plague or black eye that this world has ever seen,” he said. “When gang violence was launched in California, it was intended to protect the community of the people involved, then turned into something deadly. I completely shun it, man — it’s childish, a false hope. If gangs were more in tune with education, and encouraging members to get bachelor’s degrees instead of picking up guns, they might understand the true meaning of love, loyalty and family.”

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