

Street Gangs and Sub-Cultures

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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BLACK GANGS

I. BLACK GANGS IDENTIFIED

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1. ANY ONGOING ASSOCIATION OR GROUP OF 3 OR MORE PERSONS WHICH HAS A COMMON NAME OR IDENTIFYING SIGN OR SYMBOL, AND WHOSE MEMBERS OR ASSOCIATES INDIVIDUALLY AND/OR COLLECTIVELY ENGAGE OR HAVE ENGAGED ON BEHALF OF THAT ORGANIZATION OR GROUP, IN TWO OR MORE ACTS, WHICH INCLUDE PLANNING, ORGANIZATION, THREATENING, FINANCING, SOLICITING, OR COMMITTING UNLAWFUL ACTS OR ACTS OF MISCONDUCT CLASSIFIED AS SERIOUS PURSUANT TO SECTION 3315 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS.

II. BLACK GUERRILLA FAMILY

A. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

1. THE BLACK GUERRILLA FAMILY (BGF) ORIGINATED AT SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON IN 1966 AND WAS HEADED BY THE LATE GEORGE LESTER JACKSON, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY. JACKSON BELIEVED THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY WAS NOT RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF BLACK PRISON INMATES. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, THE BGF WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE BLACK MOVEMENT OUTSIDE OF PRISON. JACKSON BELIEVED THAT "THE REVOLUTION" WAS AN ONGOING STRUGGLE AND SHOULD BE CONTINUED BY BGF AFTER BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON.

B. GANG PHILOSOPHY:

1. THE BGF IS THE ONLY MAJOR PRISON GANG TO CLAIM POLITICAL MOTIVATION AS JUSTIFICATION FOR ANY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST THE EXISTING SOCIAL ORDER, WHICH THEY SEEK TO OVERTHROW AND REPLACE WITH COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP. BGF MEMBERS CONSIDER THEMSELVES TO BE POLITICAL PRISONERS, SENTENCED FOR COMMITTING ACTS OF SURVIVAL AGAINST AN OPPRESSIVE SYSTEM.

C. FINANCING

1. BGF FINANCES ARE REPLENISHED WITH PROCEEDS FROM VARIOUS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES. NARCOTIC SALES AND TRAFFICKING, GUN SMUGGLING, CONTRACT KILLINGS,

BANK ROBBERY, CASINO ROBBERY, IDENTITY THEFT, CREDIT CARD THEFT, AND PROSTITUTION.

D. ALLIANCES:

1. A TENUOUS ALLIANCE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE BLACK GUERRILLA FAMILY ANT THE NUESTRA FAMILIA, A HISPANIC PRISON GANG, AND AVOWED ENEMY OF THE MEXICAN MAFIA. THE BGF IS ALSO HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL WITHIN THE PRISON "DISRUPTIVE GROUPS" CRIPS, BLOODS AND PIRU'S.

III. BLACK GANGSTER DISCIPLES

(FOLK NATION)

A. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

1. AFTER FORMER LEADER DAVID BARKSDALE DIED IN 1974, TWO MEN LARRY "KING" HOOVER AND JEROME "SHORTY" FREEMAN TOOK LEADERSHIP ROLES TO FILL THE VOID. BOTH MEN WOULD LATER BECOME LEADERS OF THEIR OWN GANGS.
2. HOOVER CREATED THE BLACK GANGSTER DISCIPLES (BGDS) OR GANSTER DISCIPLES (GDS), AND FREEMAN BECAME THE LEADER OF AN EXISTING GANG, THE BLACK DISCIPLES. THE GANGSTER DISCIPLES HAVE EVOLVED INTO A CENTRALIZED CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION AND ARE AN ESTABLISHED CRIMINAL "SUPERGANG" THAT POSES A SERIOUS THREAT TO SOCIETY.
3. THE GANG HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED POLITICAL AND LEGITIMATE BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS.

B. GANG PHILOSOPHY:

1. LARRY HOOVER CREATED A THEME CALLED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

2. HOOVER BELIEVED HIS THEME WOULD ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO ESTABLISH LEGITIMATE GOALS, SUCH AS EDUCATION, IN FURTHERANCE OF THEIR CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE.

3. THE GANGSTER DISCIPLE DOCTRINE AND LEADERS WANT GANG MEMBERS TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE , BECOME MORE PRODUCTIVE, AND TO EXPAND AND DEVELOP. THE LEADERSHIP IS CONCERNED WITH THE GANGS' EDUCATIONAL, POLITICAL, AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO GAIN POLITICAL POWER.

C. FINANCING:

1. SINCE 1999, THE GANGSTER DISCIPLES HAVE SPREAD TO 42 STATES. THE GANGSTER DISCIPLES PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME IS DRUG TRAFFICKING.

2. IN PARTICULAR, CRACK COCAINE. OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE ARMED ROBBERY, ASSAULT, BANK ROBBERY, CONSPIRACY, EXTORTION, HOMICIDE, INTERSTATE THEFT, CAR JACKING, GUN SMUGGLING, AND MONEY LAUNDERING.

3. MANY MEMBERS OF THE GANG OWN REAL ESTATE AND VARIOUS BUSINESSES. MONEY LAUNDERING AND OWNING LEGITIMATE BUSINESSES APPEAR TO BE TWO OF THE GANG'S SECONDARY OBJECTIVES.

D. ALLIANCES:

1. THE GANGSTER DISCIPLES HAVE ALIGNED WITH CERATIN GANGS AND ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. IN CALIFORNIA, THEY HAVE ALIGNED WITH THE PRISON "DISRUPTIVE GROUP" CRIPS. IN LOS ANGELES, THE GANG IS KNOWN TO ASSOCIATE WITH ATHENS PARK BLOODS AND INGLEWOOD FAMILY TO EXTEND THEIR DRUG TRAFFICKING NETWORK.

IV. DISRUPTIVE GROUPS

A. A DISRUPTIVE GROUP IS DEFINED AS ANY ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION OR GROUP OF THREE OR MORE PERSONS, WHETHER FORMAL OR INFORMAL, WHICH HAS CONTINUITY OF PURPOSE; SEEKS A GROUP IDENTITY; AND HAS MEMBERS WHO INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY ENGAGE OR HAVE ENGAGED IN A PATTERN OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

V. CRIPS

A. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

1. IN 1981, STANELY "TOOKIE" WILLIAMS ARRIVED AT SAN QUENTIN STATE PRISON. WILLIAMS CONTINUED HIS VIOLENT BEHAVIOR WHILE INCARCERATED.
2. HE WAS INVOLVED IN SEVERAL VIOLENT ACTS WITH FELLOW INMATES AND PRISON STAFF, CONTINUING HIS LEGACY WITH FELLOW GANG MEMBERS. WILLIAMS ENCOURAGED FELLOW CRIP GANG MEMBERS TO UNIT, FORMING A DISRUPTIVE GROUP CALLED THE "BLUE NOTES".
3. WILLIAMS WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE LEADER, BUT THE GROUP WAS NEVER IDENTIFIED AS THE INSTIGATOR DURING A MAJOR PRISON RIOT.

B. GANG PHILOSOPHY:

1. WILLIAMS BELIEVED HE ALONG WITH MANY OF HIS OF FELLOW INMATES WERE WRONGLY ACCUSED OF A CRIME AND THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS WERE BEING VIOLATED WHILE INCARCERATED.
2. WILLIAMS PERSUADED MANY OF HIS HIGHLY INFLUENTIAL CRIP GANG MEMBERS TO ADJOURN THEIR DIFFERENCES WITH RIVAL CRIP GANGS AND SPEND MORE TIME RE-EDUCATING THEMSELVES.
3. WILLIAMS BELIEVED EDUCATION PROVIDED TWO OBJECTIVES; POWER (MONEY); ABILITY TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY (BLOODS, HISPANICS, WHITES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT); WITH WILLIAMS GUIDANCE, MANY GANG MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO SMUGGLE LARGE AMOUNT OF CONTRABAND (NARCOTICS) AND DEFEND THEMSELVES (WEAPONS, MARTIAL ARTS) AT A MOMENTS NOTICE.

C. FINANCING:

1. THE MONETARY GAIN OF NARCOTICS AND CONTRABAND SALES ALLOWED THE BLUE NOTES TO FUNCTION CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

D. ALLIANCES:

1. BLACK GUERILLA FAMILY, GANGSTER DISCIPLES (FOLK NATION).

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VI. UNITED BLOOD NATION

A. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

1. IN EARLY 1980'S, THE DENVER LANE BLOODS WERE WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES FOR THEIR DRUG TRAFFICKING. IN 1984, AN INMATE NAMED RICHARD "PEABODY" COOPER USED HIS GANGS NOTORIETY TO UNITE ALL BLOOD GANG MEMBERS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL.

2. COOPER CAME UP WITH A CONCEPT CALLED UBN, WHICH ESTABLISHED A SET OF RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT ALL BLOODS IN THE HIGHPOWER MODULE AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL HAD TO FOLLOW. THIS STRUCTURE ULTIMATELY WORKED TO BRING AN END TO THE BLOOD ON BLOOD VIOLENCE.

3. THE SUCCESS OF UBN WAS BASED ON THE SALE OF DRUGS, WHICH COOPER SMUGGLED IN THROUGH HIS ATTORNEYS AND THROUGH OTHER BLOODS WHO WERE PAID TO BRING IN HEROIN AND COCAINE BY GETTING ARRESTED FOR MINOR CHARGES.

4. COOPER ESTABLISHED A STORE FROM WHICH EVERY NIGHT A CERTAIN AND EQUAL AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES, INCLUDING NARCOTICS, WERE PASSED OUT TO EACH CELL.

B. GANG PHILOSOPHY:

1. COOPER WANTED THE UBN TO BECOME FINANCIALLY STABLE ENOUGH TO ULTIMATELY BUY OR SECURE THEIR FREEDOM THROUGH THE USE OF CAPABLE ATTORNEYS.

2. COOPER PREACHED TO HIS UBN FOLLOWERS, BEING A BLOOD MEANT THAT YOU WERE A WARRIOR, SOLDIER, A STRONG BLACK MAN. AFTER REVIEWING A DEBRIEFING REPORT FROM A FORMER UBN MEMBER, THE BGF MAY HAVE HAD A LARGE INFLUENCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UBN. THE DEBRIEFING REPORT IDENTIFIED AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED JOHN CLUCHETTE AS THE WRITER OF THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE UBN.

3. JOHN CLUCHETTE WAS A COMRADE OF GEORGE LESTER JACKSON (FOUNDER OF THE BGF) AND WHILE HOUSED WITH RONNIE "LIL RON" COPPER (YOUNGER BROTHER RICHARD COOPER) AT FOLSOM PRISON CREATED A CONSTITUTION THAT WAS LATER FORWARDED TO RICHARD COOPER.

C. FINANCING:

1. DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS, CORRECTIONAL AND CUSTODY FACILITIES HAVE NOTICED A LARGE DROP-OUT RATE OF UBN MEMBERS, DUE TO COOPER'S INCONSISTENT BEHAVIOR. COOPER HAS ALLOWED RIVAL PRISON GANGS AND DISRUPTIVE GROUPS TO TAKE CONTROL OF MAJOR DRUG SALES.

2. WITHIN CORRECTIONAL/CUSTODY FACILITIES THIS IS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS. AT THIS TIME, WE ARE UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE UBN.

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- D. GRAND THEFT AUTO

1. HOW THEY DO IT AND WHY

C. ASSAULTS

D. MURDERS

VIII. GANG ATTIRE

A. COLORS

B. BELTS

C. SPORTS JERSEYS / NUMBERS

D. TATTOOS

IX. GANG INITIATIONS

A. JUMP INS

1. JUMP IN TRADITIONS

2. USUALLY THE NUMBER OF THE GANG

B. JUMP OUTS

C. NUMBER OF GANG MEMBERS

X. GANG TACTICS

A. WEAPONS

1. SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS

2. SUSPECTS PRACTICE

B. COMMUNICATIONS

1. MONITOR POLICE FREQUENCIES

2. USE OF SHORT WAVE RADIOS

3. USE OF NEXTELS

- C. CAR TO CAR SHOOTING
- D. WALK UP ASSASSINATIONS
- E. HOME ASSASSINATIONS
- F. SURVEILLANCE AND COUNTER SURVEILLANCE
- G. HIDDEN COMPARTMENTS

XI. GANG ORGANIZATIONS

- A. SHOT CALLERS
- B. ORGANIZED CRIME TIES AND EVENTUAL ELEVATION
- C. LOCAL GANG VS. ORGANIZED CRIMES

XII. COMBATING PROBLEMS

- A. COMBINING FORCES WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
- B. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
- C. TASK FORCE
 - 1. MULTI JURISDICTIONAL
 - 2. LOCAL
 - 3. FEDERAL
- D. PROBATION / PAROLE
- E. CITY OFFICIALS / BUSINESS LICENSING
- F. SCHOOLS AND OFFICIALS

XIII. SUMMARY

A. RESTATE OBJECTIVES

B. OFFICER SAFETY

C. CONCLUSION AND QUESTIONS
