

Identifying Gang Members



King County Gang Member Criteria

1. Subject self-admits to gang membership or affiliation
2. Subject has gang tattoos
3. Subject writes or possesses gang paraphernalia (i.e. documents, bandanas)
4. Subject wears gang clothing or jewelry (specific colors, numbers or initials on clothing, gang graffiti/moniker written on clothing, or possessing items clearly marked with gang colors or markings)
5. Subject uses a gang moniker
6. Subject is identified as a gang member/associate by a reliable source
7. Subject is seen in photos/group pictures with other gang members
8. Subject uses gang hand signs and/or verbiage in context that indicates gang affiliation
9. Subject associates with other known criminal street gang members
10. Subject is involved in gang-related crimes or activities
11. Subject is identified as a gang member by another gang member
12. Subject is named in gang documents (i.e. phone lists, internet postings) or in gang graffiti
13. Subject targets a victims or property from a rival gang or crosses out a rival gang's graffiti

**** An individual is considered a validated gang member when that individual meets 3 or more of the criteria listed above, over two separate contacts, and at least one of those criteria must be #10 or #13**

Spokane Gang Member Criteria

1. **Subject admits membership in a gang.**
2. Subject tattooed with gang logo and/or wears clothing which bears gang identifications or found with gang paraphernalia.
3. Subject repeatedly (two or more times) in the company of identified gang members.
4. Subject involved in criminal activity.
5. **Subject named by one or more gang members as being a gang member.**
6. Subject has been documented participating in suspicious activity with identified members of a gang.
7. Subject identified as a gang member by other law enforcement agencies.
8. **Subject identified as gang member by two or more reliable sources.**
9. Subject is in photo or listed in documents that indicate gang membership (gang roll-call or home-boy list).

**** An individual is considered a confirmed gang member when that individual meets 3 or more of the criteria listed above and at least one of those criteria must be #1, #5, or #8**

Gang Member Characteristics

Did any of those 13 criteria mention race?



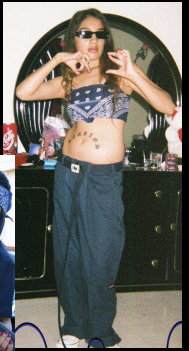
Gang Member Characteristics

What about gender?



WA State Female Gangs

- Loc'd Out Sureñas (*defunct*)
- Varrio Rojas Carnalas
- Sureñas Malditas Locas
- Flow Girls
- PlayGirls 13 / PlayGirl Sureñas
- Knocccout Bitches
- Lady Thuggin' Savages
- Juggalettes



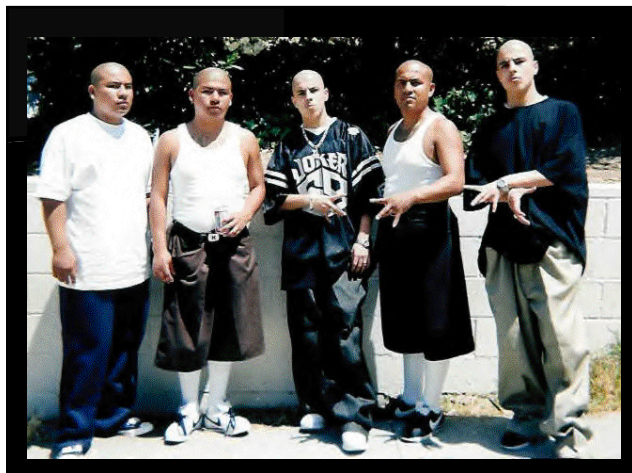
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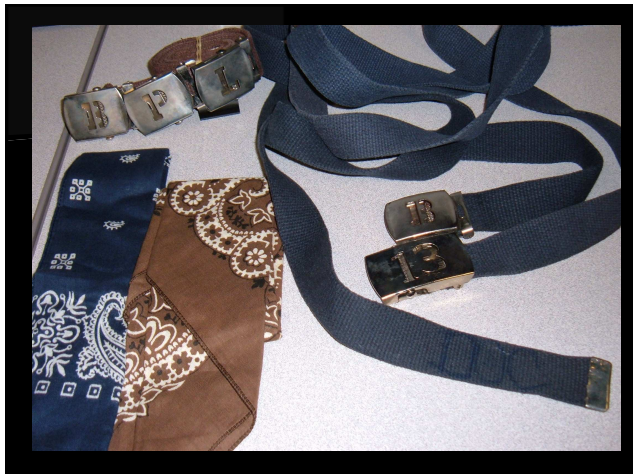
- Gang Style Clothing
- Gang Tattoos
- Handsigns
- Monikers

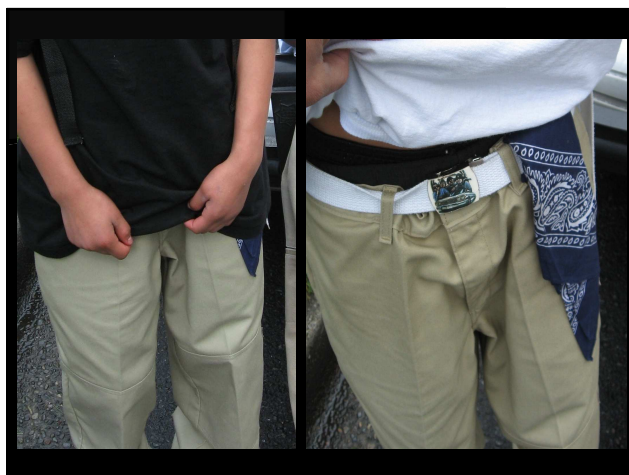
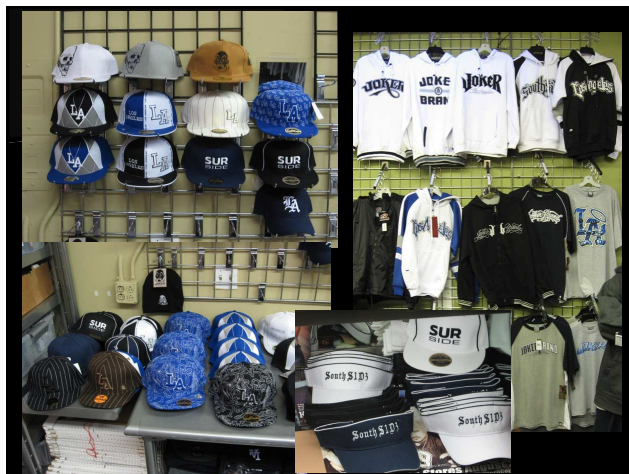
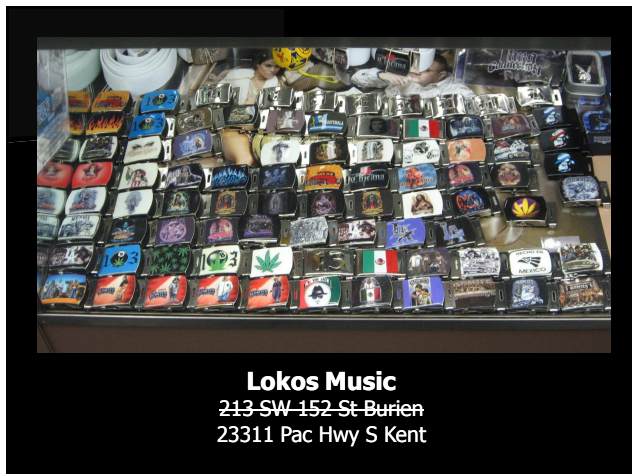


Sureño Gang Style Clothing

- In addition to specific colors, certain gangs tend to wear certain brands
- Sureño gangs tend to wear the following:
 - Dickies
 - Ben Davis
 - SouthPole
 - Los Angeles
 - Lowrider
 - Button up Pendleton style shirts
 - Sports jerseys with certain teams/numbers









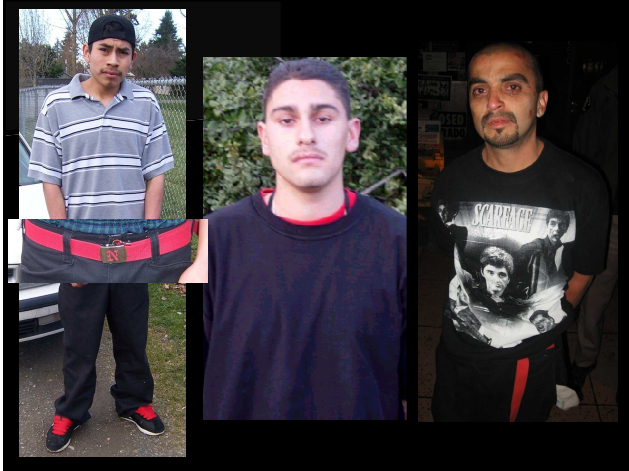


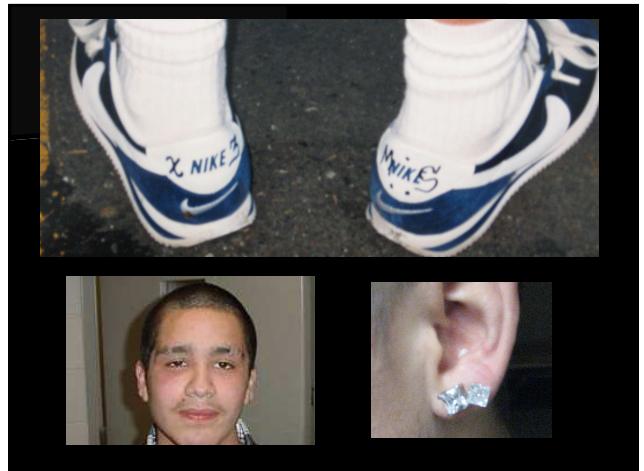
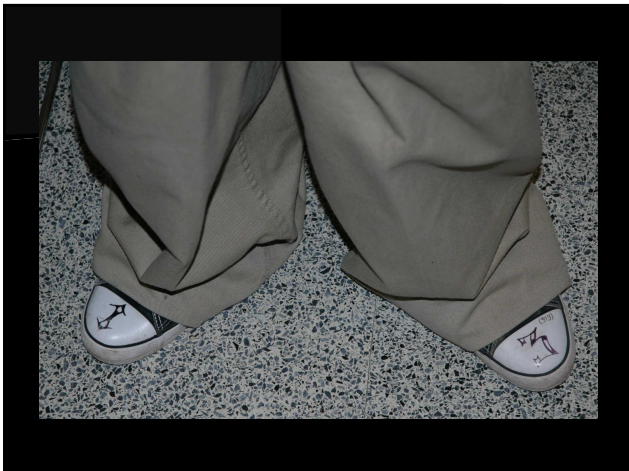
Norteño Gang Style Clothing

■ Norteño gangs tend to wear the following:

- Dickies
- Ben Davis
- Button up Pendleton style shirts
- Eckō brand clothing
- K-SWISS
- Sports jerseys with the numbers 14 or 77
- Oakland Raiders, San Francisco 49ers, Sacramento Kings, University of Nebraska









Crip/Blood/Folk/Peoples Clothing

- Next to impossible to identify these gangs based solely upon clothing.
- Clothing styles closely conform to current hip-hop styles; gang clothing is determined by colors, sports teams, or customized clothing.



Customized clothing





Blood Gang Clothing



Blood Gang Clothing



Folk/GD Gang Clothing



Latin Kings Gang Clothing

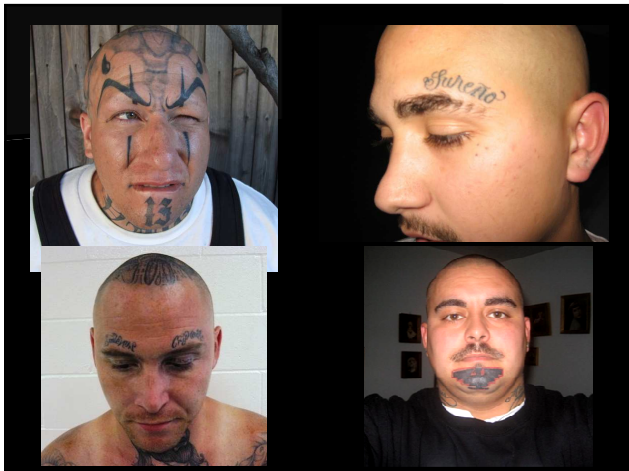


Gang Tattoos

- Gang members will tattoo themselves
 - To intimidate others,
 - To show gang affiliation, and
 - To indicate rank
- Gang tattoos can tell you
 - Who he is,
 - What he believes,
 - What he's done,
 - Where he did time and for how many years, and
 - How many people he's killed

"The permanent marking of the gang member's body, especially his face, is an outward sign of a lifelong commitment to the gang and an intimidating challenge to both would-be rivals and law officers."

- Sgt. Richard Valdemar, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (ret.)



General Gang Tattoos

Drama Faces aka "Smile Now Cry Later"



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Memorials



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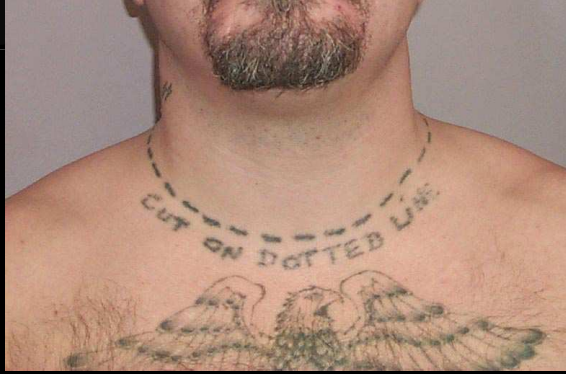
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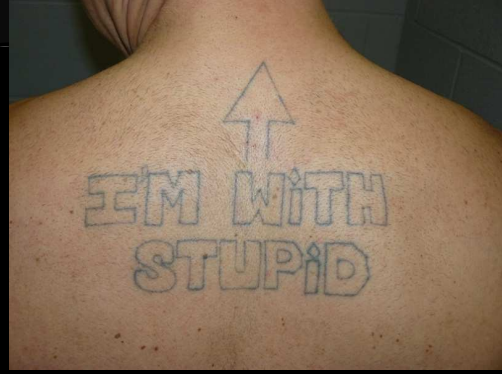
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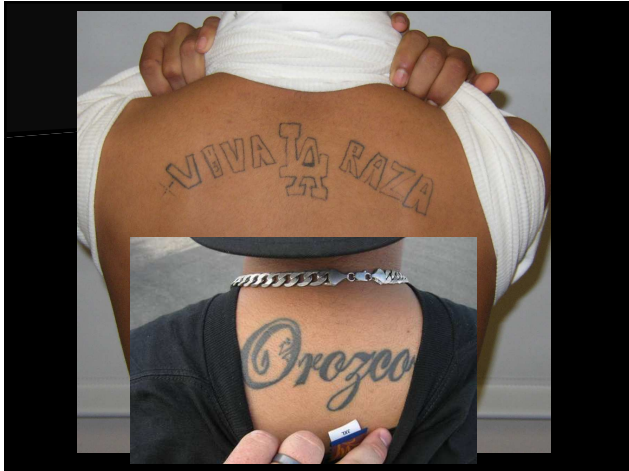
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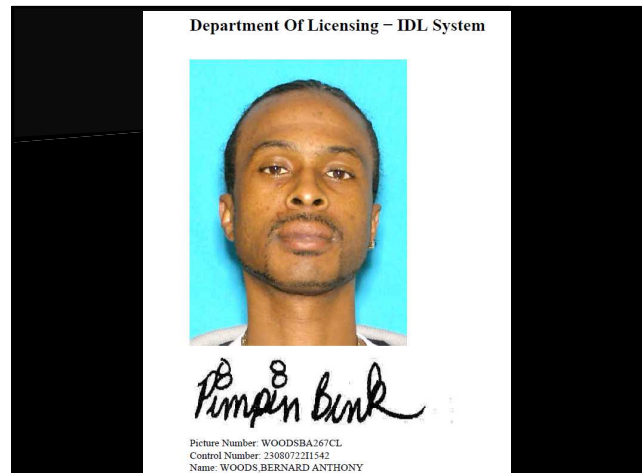


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Monikers

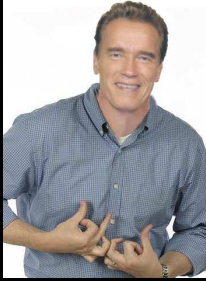
- Usually given to the gang member, not chosen.
 - Physical features, behaviors
- If they do give a moniker, ask them why they got that particular one (or what it means, if you don't know). Also ask if they put "Lil", "Baby", "El", etc in front.
 - One per set/cliq



Handsigns

- The use of handsigns is a popular form of communication amongst street gangs. These handsigns can:

- Identify what major gang affiliation the individual is a part of and the particular they belong to.
- Be used to show disrespect or issue a challenge to rival gangs
- Be used when other identifiers may not be present or possible



In the words of a gang member:

"I throw my sign up to get people to throw they sign up, to see what hood they from."

Movie Clip