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GANGS

**THE DEATH
OF
OUR SOCIETY**

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INTRODUCTION

The formation of gangs is not a new phenomenon in the United States. From the East to the West coast, gangs have taken over are large cities and have made in roads to rural America. No city is immune from gang activity. It has penetrated the core of our existence, today's young people.

In today's world gangs have grown more deadly, than in the past. In the early years gangs were neighborhood based and their names reflected this foundation. However, gangs have exported their brand of violence and a way of life throughout the United States. The National School Safety Center news service reported in their November 1991 issue that gangs have released their unforgiving type of terrorisms all across our nation. The gang population in the country has reached new levels with New York reporting 50 gangs with 5,000 members, Chicago revealing 125 gangs with 12,500 members, gangs and Los Angeles reporting 900 gangs with over 100,000 members (National School Safety, November 1991).

The problem is complex and few answers appear to be at hand. Lack of jobs for these youths and poor parental supervision contribute to the gang phenomenon. Causal factors include peer pressure, intimidation by hard core gang members, and poor role models (Gang and Gang Awareness, 1989).

Gang members are often underachievers with no real sense of identity. They try to find their identity within the gang organization. Since most of them are underachievers the gang provides the perfect atmosphere for what they perceive to be important: to make money and gain power (Gang and Gang Awareness, 1989).

The gang members usually comes from low income families, they also have poor academic record, and have either dropped out or has been indefinitely suspended from school. Gangs will be classified as 100% of the nationality of their gang as a whole with less than 1% membership from other races (Gang and Gang Awareness, 1989).

In the gang members' society, different norms and rules emerge. Any gesture, real or imagined, can be met with harsh and deadly consequences toward rival gang members. All hard-core gang members are willing to defend their turf and their policies to the death. When coming into contact with a possible gang member, it would be best not to show fear. It can never be known weather a gang member wearing colors is hard-core or fringe member, a person should not show disrespect or ridicule their graffiti or clothing. Dangerous and violent consequences could follow (Gang and Gang Awareness, 1989).

I hope that this pamphlet will help people understand how gangs destroy their child, their community and their society. Identifying the problem early could be the answer in fighting gangs. It appears the deeper the gangs are entrenched in the community the harder it is to solve the problem and break the gangs influence.

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GANGS IN THE UNITED STATES

Disciples

Origin: Chicago, Illinois

Kings: David, Hoover, William, Don Dee, Shan, Shun, Don Killwill
Sets: (BGD) 63;412;410;360 (IGD) 36;720

Types: (BGD) Black Gangster Disciples (IGD) Insane Gangster Disciples (WGD) White Gangster Disciple (MMGD) Money Making Gangster Disciple (YGD) Young Gangster Disciple (UGD) Undercover Gangster Disciple (DQ) Disciple Queen (GQ) Gangster Queen

Ranks: Foot Soldier; Knights; Chiefs; Generals; Dunn's; Kings

Colors: Black and Blue

Clothing: L.A. Kings; Raiders; Lakers; MIAMI

Shoes: K-Swiss; Nike; Fila; Addais

Gang Emblems: Six-pointed star; Pitch Fork; Devil's Horn & Tail; Sword; Heart

Disciple Talk: Wear all items to the "right"; refer to other members as "Folks"; Disciple Knowledge

Vice Lords

Origin: Chicago, Illinois

King: John

Sets: Unknown Conservative; 4 Corner Hustlers; Cicero Insane; Imperial Insane; Renegade; Undertaker; 12th Street; City Lords; 15th Street; Village; Traveling

Colors: Black; Gold; Green; Red

Ranks: Foot Soldiers; Knights; Chiefs; Generals; Dunn's; Kings

Clothing: Pittsburgh Pirates; UNLV; MIAMI; Civil War Hats

Gang Emblems: Five-pointed star; Crescent Moon; Sun; Pyramid; Cane; Glove; Circle; Fire; Baskin Robins 31; Flavors; Chrysler star

Vice Lord Talk: Wear all items to the "left"; refer to other members as "People"

Crips

Origin: Los Angeles, CA. 1969/70 *Founder:* Randy Washington

Sets: Indicate local membership which can range from 10-100's of members. Crips have around 900 different sets. Their names originate from the neighborhood they occupy. Sets of Crips can be found on page

Types: (OG) Original Gangster; (G) Gangster; (BG) Baby Gangster (TG) Tiny Gangster

Color: Blue

Clothing: Any cap that denotes a "L.A. Base Team" or is the color blue; bandannas; blue jeans

Crip Talk: Call other members "CUZ", "CUZZ"; "KUZ"; B/K Blood Killer; B-187 (Penal Code for Murder in the State of California); Cross out the letter "B" or "P"

Street Name: K-Loc; T-Loc; Sexy; Gangster

Bloods

Origin: Los Angeles, CA. 1970-71 *Founders:* Sylvester Scott & Vincent Owens. Known as Piru's because founded on Piru Street in Compton, CA.

Sets: (Same as Crips) Blood sets can be found on page

Colors: Red

Clothing: Red Bandannas and caps; blue jeans

Types: Same as Crips; OG; G; BG; TG

Blood Talk: Bloods; C/K Crip Killers; replaces the letter "C" with the letter "P" or "B" or crosses out the letter "C"; C-187; refer to other members as "Piru"

Street Names: T-Lok, K-Bone; Gangster; Al Copone

White Supremacy Gangs

Types: Motorcycle Gangs; Skin Heads; Aryan Nation; Aryan Brotherhood; Ku Klux Klan

Origins: (MG) Hollister, CA. 1946; (SH) England 1968; (AB) San Quention Prison, 1967; (KKK) Pulaski, TN 1865

Ideology: Jews People control the media; government; Federal Reserve; blacks contaminate the white race and ruin the economy; hate in the name of God

Distinctive: (MG) Harleys, Tattoos; (SH) Shaven Heads, blue jeans; (KKK) White hoods and Robes

Latino Gangs

Origin: Date's back to the 1930-40's; settlements known as the "Barrio's"; reflect Spanish rule

Colors: Black and White

Sets: Latino and Mexican gangs names reflect their culture and the area they call their "turf"; Almighty Insane Unknown Nation; Latin Kings; La Rana Frog; Westside Mouse; La Soma Shotgun Gangster; etc.

Clothing: Khaki paints; plaid wool shirt button to the top; hair nets; sagging paints; clothing that is a size larger than usually worn

Distinctive: Tattoos are animals as snakes; spiders; insects, etc or life in the barrios or jail

Mafia

Origin: Sicily late middle ages; protection of landlords

Ranks: Boss (Godfather); Underboss (Vice President); Consigliere (Retired member who is an advisor); Caporegime (Buffer between top and lower echelon personnel); Soldati (Button Men who reports to the Caporegime); Soldier (Worker)

Families: (5) Gambinos; Colombo; Bonanno; Lucchese; Genovese

Distinctive: Omerta (Code of silence); Las Costra Nostra (meaning our affair-encompass all the crime families.

Crimes: Loan-sharking; drugs; prostitution; gambling; etc.

El Rukns

Origin: Late 50's Early 60's Chicago, IL.

Different Names: Original Name (Blackstone Rangers); Grassroots Independent Voters League; Almighty Black-P-Stone Nation; Moorish Science Temple of America (This religious organization denies any connection with the EL Rukn Nation)

Present Leader: Jeff Fort

El Rukn's meaning: Sun or Warrior

Ranks: Consist with Disciples and Vice Lords

Crimes: Murder; Robbery; Rape; Arson; extortion; drug trafficking

Distinctive: Ruled by a "Main 21" all Generals; 100% Black

Identifying Factors to Gang Involvement

Knowledge: Knowledge is the history of a particular gang usually in question and answer form. It will be numbered to indicate status within the gang. Gang members are required to memorize this knowledge. Pages 6&7 are examples of Black Gangster knowledge. Knowledge may reveal the rank of the gang member. The higher the numbers on the knowledge the more rank the gang member has obtained.

Knowledge: Vice Lords' knowledge is similar to Disciple knowledge. Page 8 is an example for parents viewing.

Distinctive: This is a distinguishing characterize that separates one group from the next.

Sets: This is the local group of individual who give themselves a name to separate their group from another group within the neighborhood. The name of the gang will usually reflect the neighborhood in which the live or the name will reflect the history of the gang.

Hand-Signs: Gang members use hand-signs to communicate with one another. Disciples, Crips and Blood hand-signs are shown on pages 9,10 &11. A child will use these hand-signs in front of their parents when they feel that their parents are unaware of their activities.

Graffiti: Graffiti are pictures or drawings that parents may see on their child school books, tattoos, arm or leg cast, or painted on the walls on their homes, and/or child's room. Graffiti of Disciples; Vice Lords; Crips and Bloods; along with selective Latino gangs will be on pages 12,13,14,15 &16.

Street Gang Language: The final pages consist of street gang language that a child who is involved in gang activity may use. This could be an indication of a child's involvement in gang activities. Street gang language is on pages 17 & 18.

Action to be Taken by Parents/Guardian/Teacher/Professional

Initiation and Intimidation by Gang Members

All gangs will initiate by "beating in" their members. Depending on the gang set, the beating could last from 3 to 5 minutes. The beating entails other gang members hitting the new member anywhere on their bodies for the designated length of time. Disciples will also "bless in" their members. They do this by placing an imagery six-pointed star on the member's chest and then punching them once in the center of the chest.

If a child reports that they are being intimidated or harassed by gang members, these suggestions should be followed by a parent/guardian/teacher/professional. Encourage that child to report any problem to a person in authority. That person should document the complaint and taken appropriate action, ie. report to the police, the child's parent etc.

If a child has signs of being physically beaten and claims gang members have been harassing him, the story should be checked out thoroughly. This could be evidence of gang initiation rather than the result of being a victim of a gang crime. Parents should take the time to know their child in order to discern if expressed fear is genuine or just an excuse to stay home from school.

When There are Warning Signs of Gang Activity

If you suspect a child to be involved in gang activity, check for the following signs:

- (1) Wearing recognized gang type clothing
- (2) Unexplained bruises on their body
- (3) Runaway activity with staying out all night with friends
- (4) Speaking in gang language
- (5) Gang tattoos on your child's body
(Gang Tattoos could be a positive indicator of gang activity)
- (6) Possession of gang knowledge or writings
- (7) Involvement in illegal crimes that have gang connections

Steps to be Taken

Collect all hats; shirts and knowledge that is gang related

Contact a professional counselor to work on gang problem

Protect child by restricting activities

Notify local authorities:

- (1) Police
- (2) School
- (3) Parent/Guardian

Black Gangster Knowledge Examples

Knight Walker
→ RANK

- Phone # 360 - 3660
- Address 63rd street
- Where do you live? Hampton City
- Hoover is on the right side of Hellgate
- David is on the left side of Hellgate
- Satan is in the middle of Hellgate
- John put up the 5 pt star
- Hoover shot it down
- Hoover born in Oct. 18, 1966

bur matis is on the plant
it grows larger every time someone joins

- The 3 cities are Hampton City,
- Folk City, David City
- Hampton City is in hell
- Folk City is in heaven
- David City is in Chicago
- One was about to become a King of Kings

A	Y J H L	7200 Honor
B	T Z n T L p r w f	50 opposition
C	K i F	45 neutral standing
D	J k	410 Love
E	x	410 Life
F	K L I	420 Loyalty
	E L I A 7	430 Wisdom
	M I I V	6000 Knowledge

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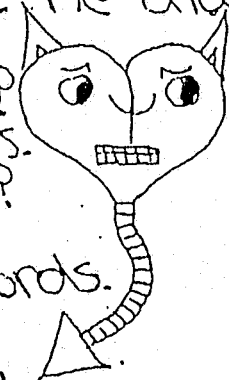
FOLK KNOWLEDGE

How long have you been in the desciples? All my life. Are you in the desciples? No the desciples are in me. Why do desciples like MC Donalds? For Food, Folks & Fun. Why did Hoover divide the red sea? Because he didn't want to walk on red.

Whats under the pyramid? Anation of dead vicelords. Who cracked the 8 ball? Hoover. Whats on top of the mountain? 30 vicelords. When David fell off the mountain what did he turn into? A six pointed star.

When Hoover feel off the mountain what did he turn into? A eagle. If you were drowning and there was a viceord handana, a crypt handana, and blood handana which one would you pick to save your life? neither.

Who is your mother? Sheba.
Who is your father? David



Raiders
C.R.C.
S.S.
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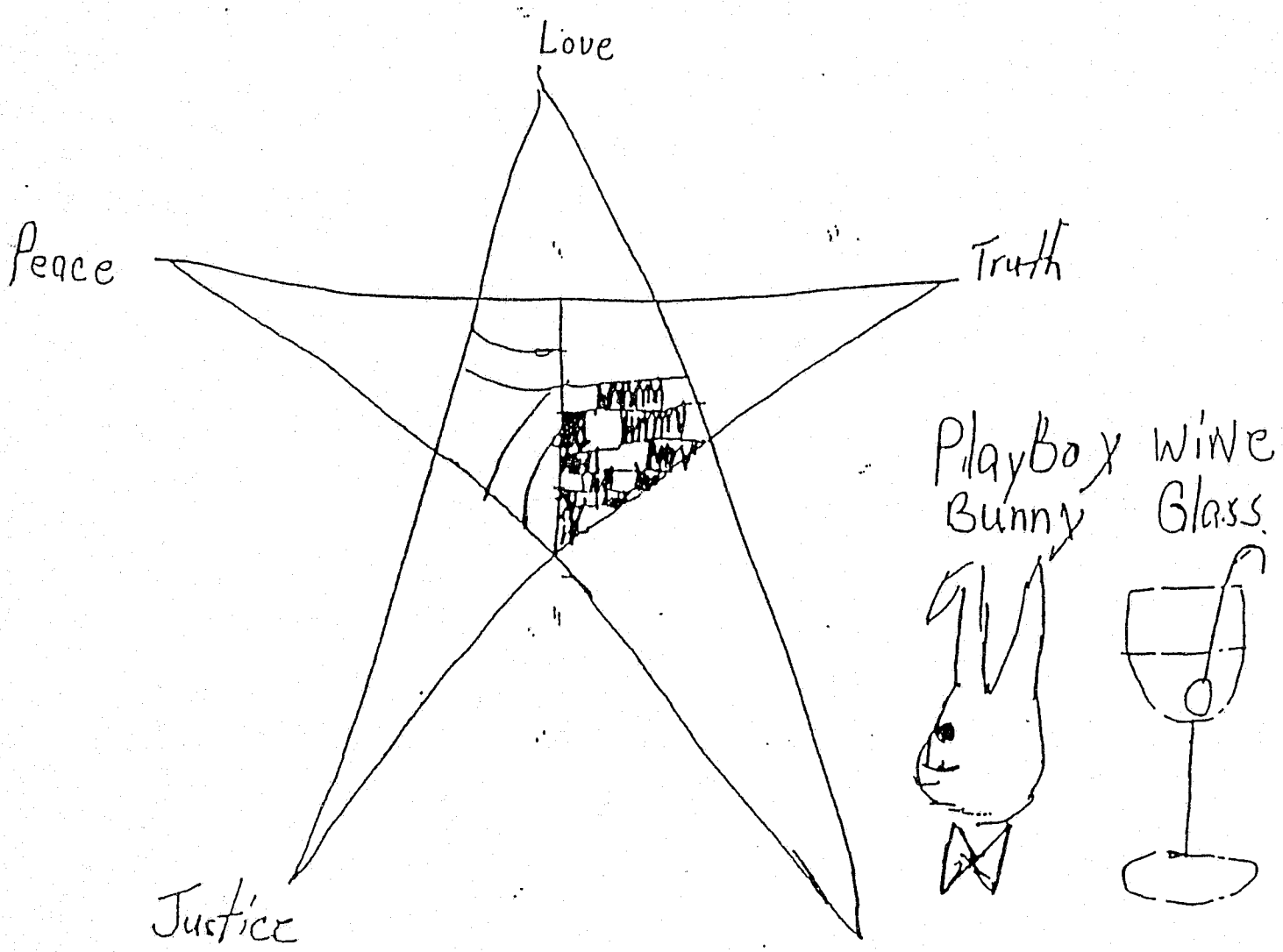
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whats up with that Bo-legged dog? he got two pitch folk's stuck in his leg, whats behind the moon? The sun.

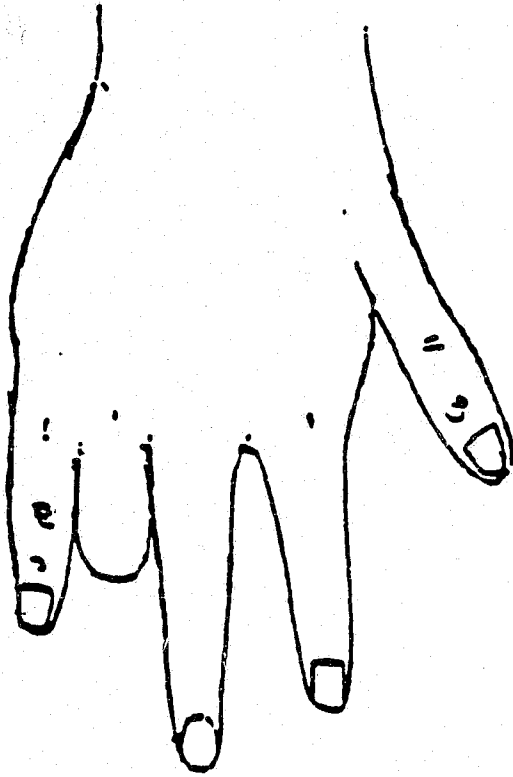
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~~opening pray~~
As the gold may glow the world shall know
that were Vice Lords as it says in the holy bible
and those who follow the footsteps of the lord
shall always receive salvation

~~starting pray~~ Vice Lords were started in
1963 by Black Peace Stone (BPS) Jeff
fort lead (BPS) under the five point star.

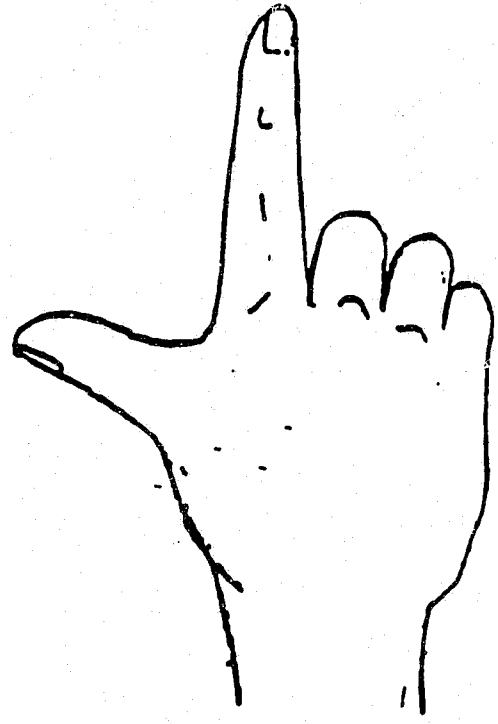


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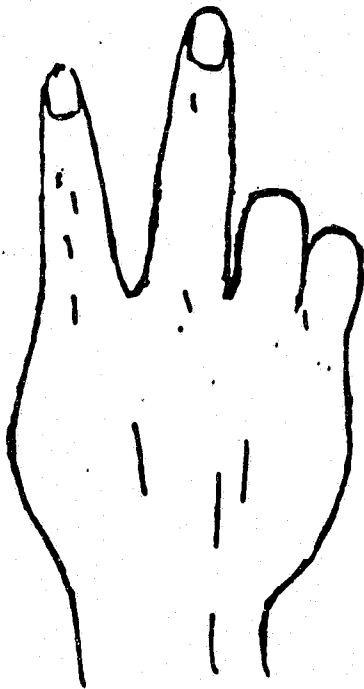
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DENVER LANES BLOODS



VILLIANS BLOODS

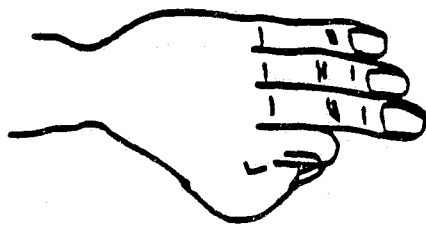


BRIMS BLOODS



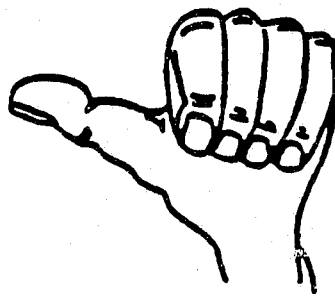
Crips and Bloods Hand Signs

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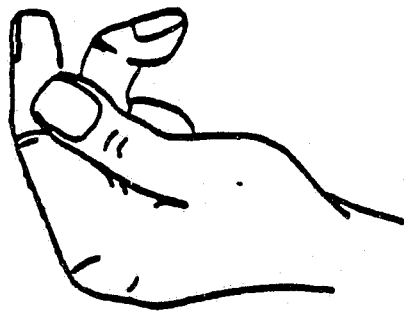


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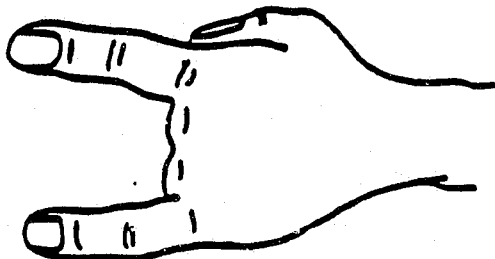
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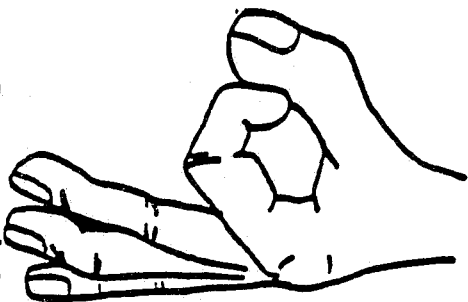
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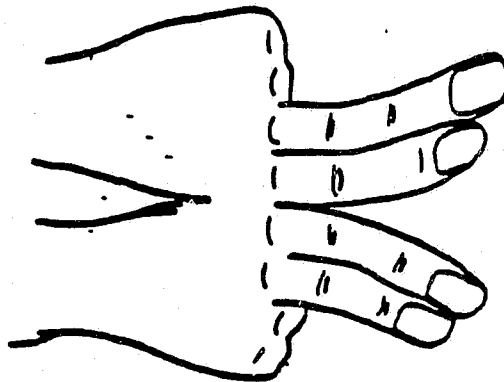
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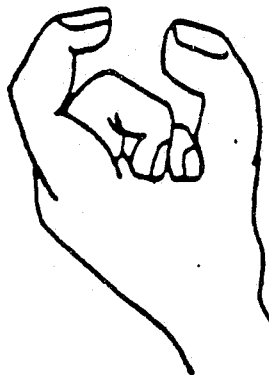
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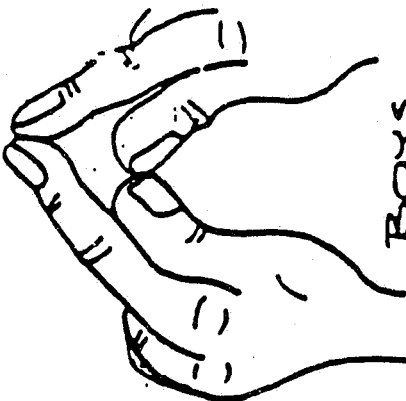


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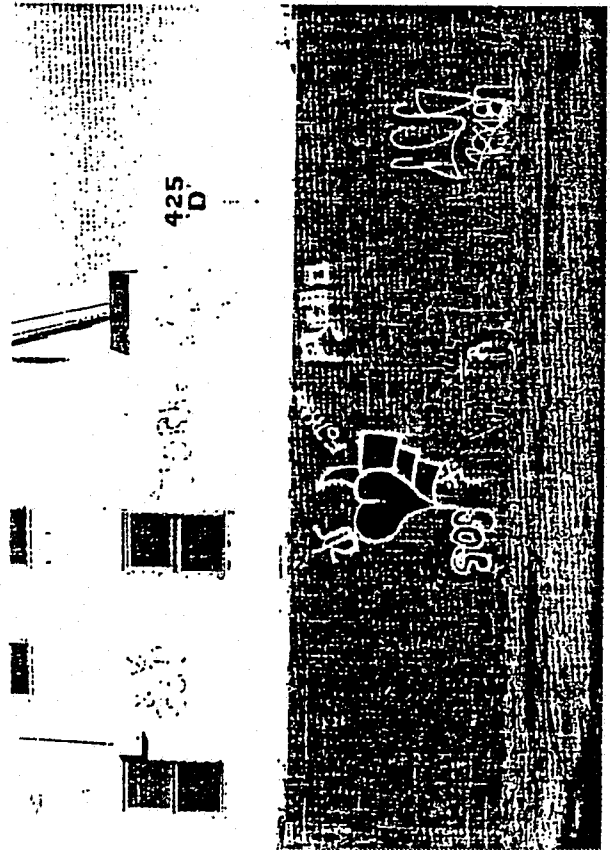
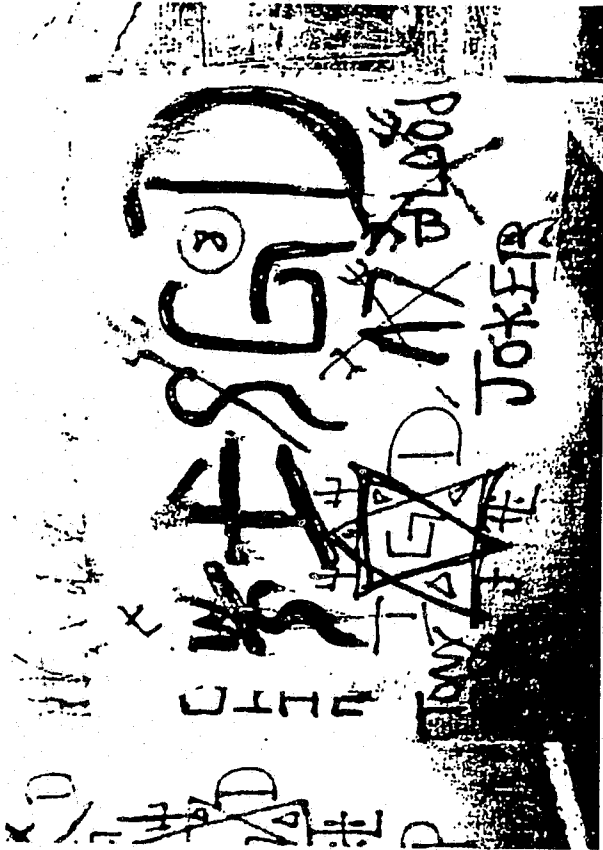
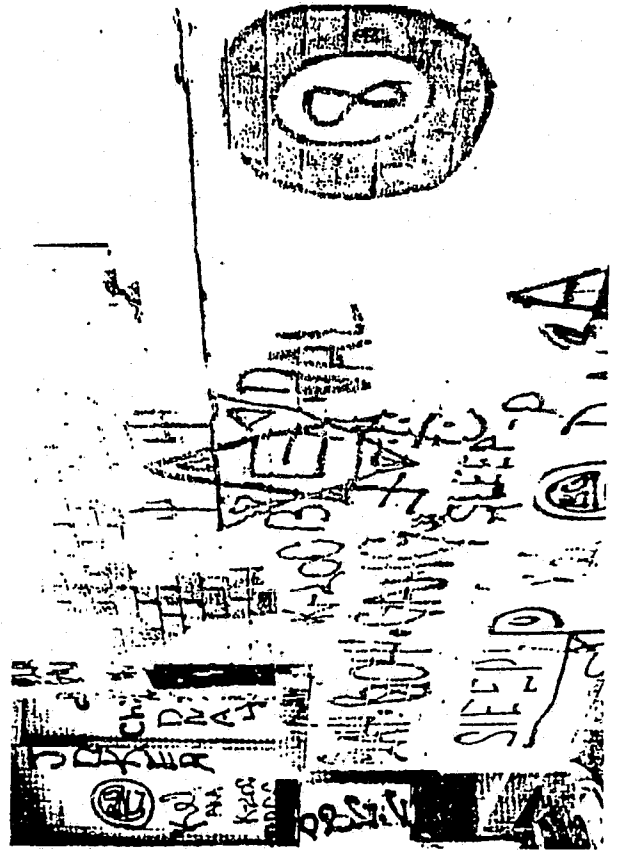
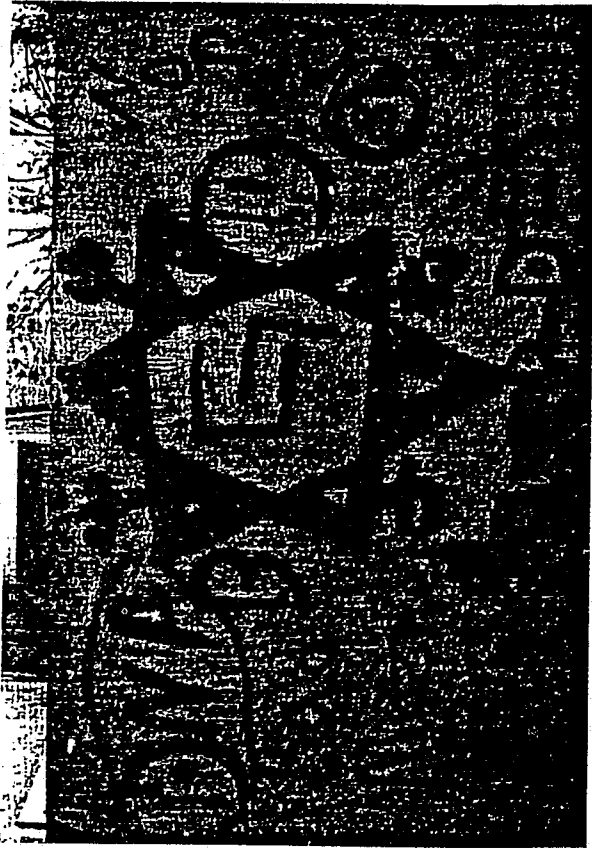
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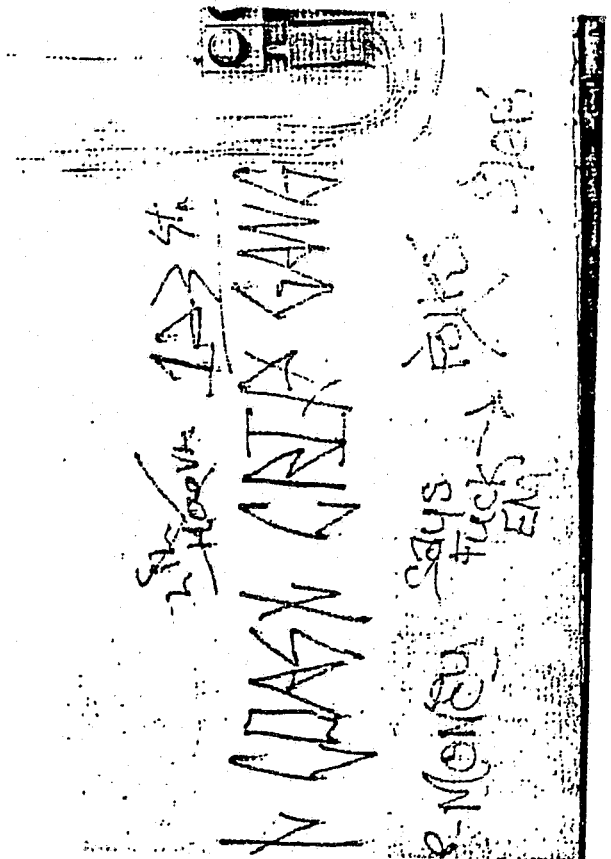
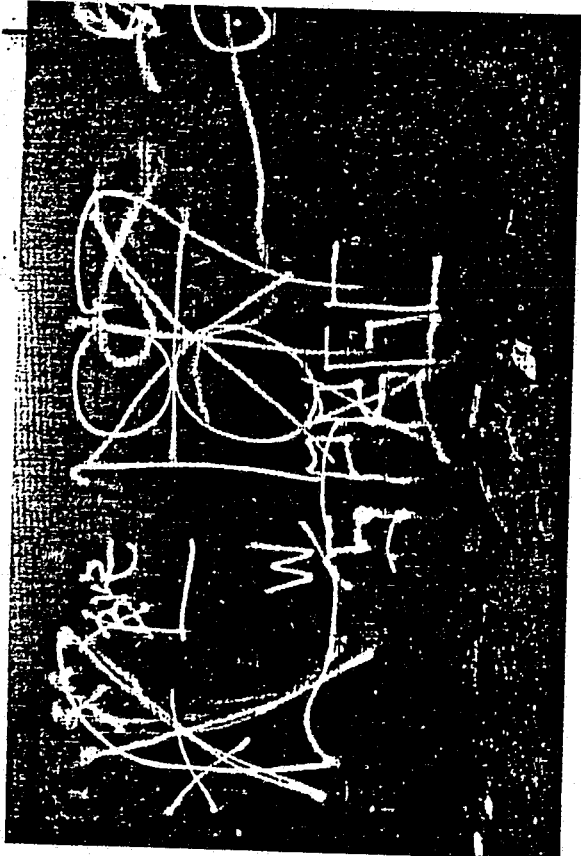
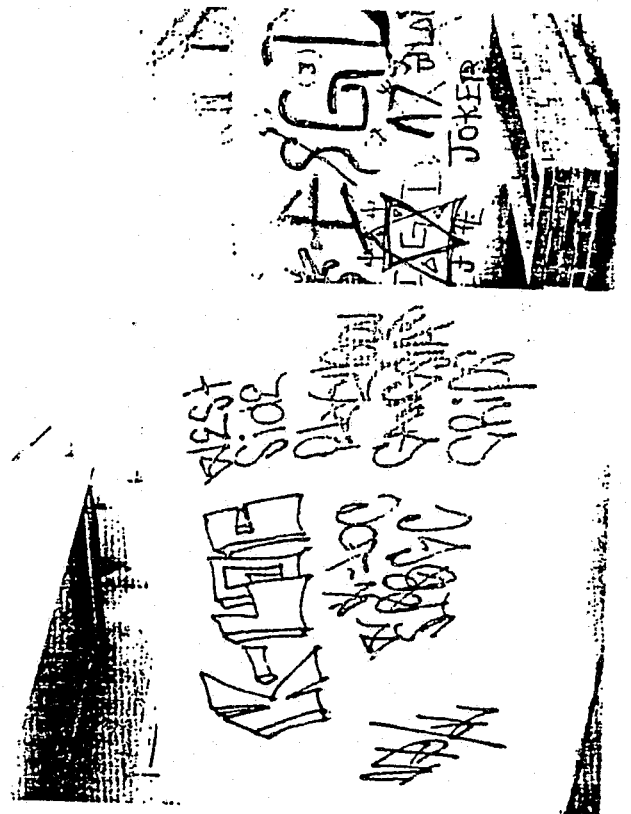
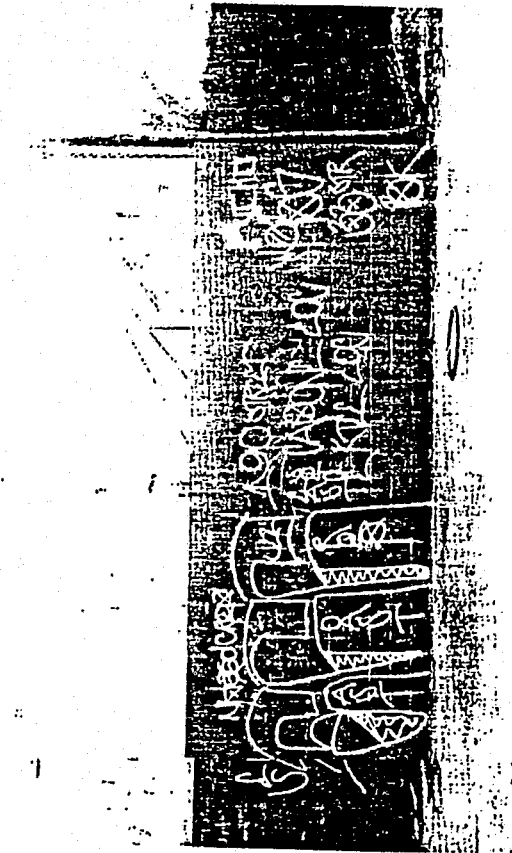


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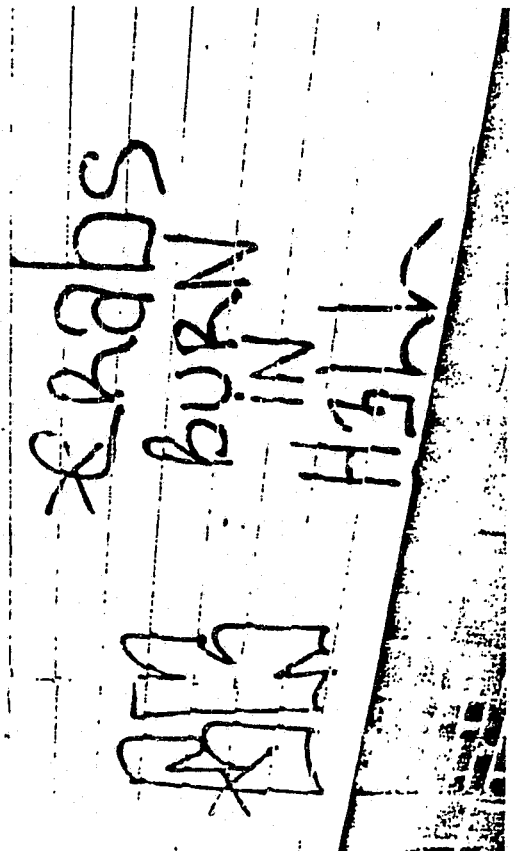
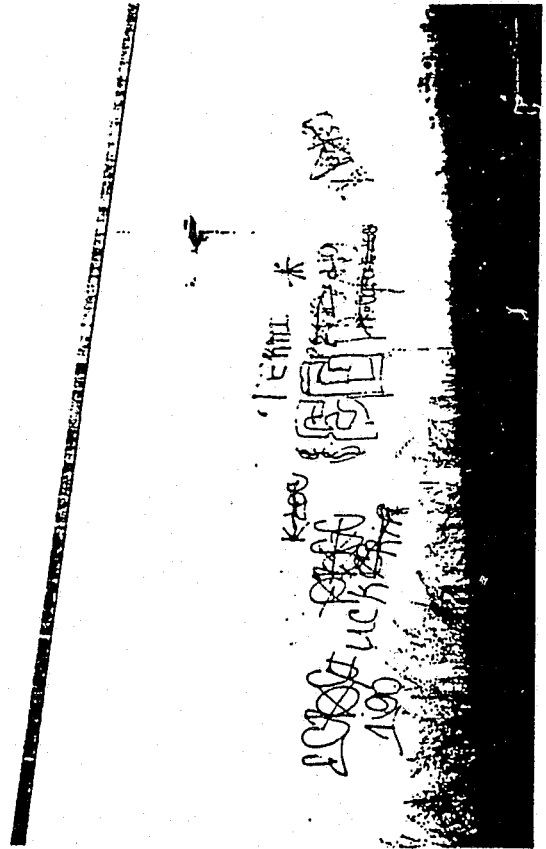
Disciple Graffiti



Crip Graffiti



Blood Graffiti



Street Gang Language

<u>Term</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Ace Kool	Best friend/Backup
Base Head	Person Hooked on Cocaine
Beemer	A BMW vehicle
Benzo	A Mercedes Benz
Blob	Crip nickname for blood member
Blood	Piru non crip
Bo	Marijuana
Boned Out	Quit chicken out
Book	Runaway
Break	Runaway
Breakdown	Shotgun
Bucket	Old raggedy car
Bud	Marijuana
Bullet	One year in custody
Bumper Kit	Girl's butt
Bumping Titties	Fighting
Busted Popped A Capot	Shot at someone
Buster	Fake gang member
Cabbage patch	Popular dance
Check It Out	Listen to what I say
Chill Out	Stop it
Commercial	Columbian marijuana
Colum	Columbian marijuana
Crab	Blood nickname for crip member
Dead Rag	Red rag
Deft	Looking good
Dis	No respect
Do A Ghost	Leave the scene
Double Duce22 Caliber gun
Jammed	Confronted
Jim Jones	Marijuana joint laced with cocaine and dipped in PCP
Juiced Lifts	Vehicle has hydraulics to raise and lower car
Kick You Down	Give you something, set you up in the drug trade
Kibbles and Bits	Crumbs of cocaine
Kool	Its alright
Lady	Girlfriend
Lizard Butt	Ugly girl
Loc	Dark sun glasses
Man	Cop
Mark	Want to be gang member
Mobile	Proper nice looking

GRAFFITI

TRANSLATION

AQUI CIVT

"AQUI" meaning here, or
look at this

"C" meaning Corona, IV^s_t
meaning 4th Street gang

LOS PERSUADERS

Los Persuaders, a sub-
group of the 4th Street
gang, responsible for
the graffiti

Challo George
de Lado Richard

Names and monikers
of members of the
gang

CORONA L R

Corona repeated,
Ls meaning Loco's
or crazy ones,
"R" meaning "we're
the best

NOMAS

"nomas" meaning "the
one and only"

C/S

C/S, a symbol meaning "Con
Safos," there is nothing you
can do about it, don't touch,
anything you do to this,
twice to you

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<u>Term</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Molded scritch	Embarrassed
Monte C	Monte Carlo vehicle
Mud Duck	Ugly girl
Nut Up	Angry
OG	Original gangster
On The Pipe	Free basting cocaine
On The Strength	Based on these facts
One Time	Police
Packing	Gang member with gun
Peanut Butter	Crip disrespect toward bloods
Posse	East Coast term for gang
Put that on the Set	Telling the truth
Rag	Color of gang
Recruiting	Looking for good looking girl
Red Eye	Hard stare
Relative	Blood term for home boy
DYS	Department of Youth Services
BGD	Black Gangster Disciples
IGD	Insane Gangster Disciples
Knowledge	Disciples Question and Answers
DQ	Disciple Queens
GQ	Gangster Queens
YGD	Young Gangster Disciples
Raiders	Ruthless ass insane disciples eliminate red slob
Kings	Killing innocent niggers gangster style
Folks	Nickname for disciple members
People	Nickname for vice lord members
GGD	Ghost Gangster Disciples
DK	Disciple Killer
BK	Blood Killer
CK	Crip Killer
G	Gangster
BG	Baby Gangster
TG	Tiny Gangster
187	Penal code for murder in the state of California
Juvenile	Person under age 18
Delinquent	Person under 18 who commits illegal activity
Disciple	Gang that started in Chicago
Vice Lord	Gang that started in Chicago
Crip	Gang that started in Los Angeles
Blood	Gang that started in Los Angeles
Miami	Making insane ass more insane
K Swiss	Killing slob when I see some

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

When addressing a gang problem there are numerous approaches law enforcement, parents, teachers and community leaders can take in an attempt to solve their problem. In June of 1991 Dr. Irving R. Spergel and Ronald C. Chance wrote an article for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) newsletter in which they identified five different strategies in which a community attempts to fight a gang problem. They were social intervention; suppression; social opportunities; community mobilization and organizational development (OJJDP, 1991).

In the survey conducted by Dr. Spergel and Chance it showed that of the communities surveyed 44% used suppression, 31.5% used social intervention, 10.9% organizational development, 8.9% community mobilization and 4.8% social opportunities. While most judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement favored suppression, the most effective method for fighting gangs in the beginning stages was community mobilization (OJJDP, 1991).

A pro-active approach to handling the gang problem appears to be the most promising. Law Enforcement, working in conjunction with the community can stem the tide of gang activity in their community. The following is a list of five organization an individual may write to and receive more information on how they can fight their gang problem pro-actively.

Positive Alternative Gang Education
Honolulu Police Department; Juvenile Crime Prevention Division
1455 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814 (School Based)

The Paramount Plan: Alternatives to Gang Membership
Human Services Department; City of Paramount
16400 Colorado Avenue
Paramount, CA. 90723 (School Based)

Dr. Irving A. Spergel, School of Social Service Administration
University of Chicago
969 East 60th Street
Chicago, Il 60637 Phone#(312) 702-5879 (School & Comm Base Prg)

School Administrator's Handbook on Gangs and Campus Violence
Puget Sound Educational Service District
Seattle, WA 98178

Targeting Programs for Delinquency Intervention with an Emphasis
on Gang Prevention/Intervention (Community Based)
Boys Clubs of America
New York, N.Y. 10017

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