

GANG INFORMATION

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GANGS

The Department of Homeland Security defines a gang as:

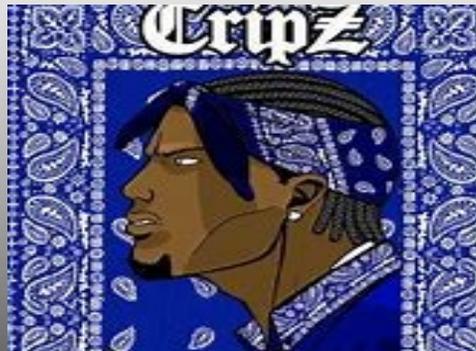
An association of 3 or more individuals; whose members collectively identify themselves by adopting a group identity, which they use to create an atmosphere of fear or intimidation, frequently by employing one or more of the following: a common name, slogan, identifying sign, symbol, tattoo or other physical marking, style or color clothing, hairstyle, hand sign, or graffiti; whose purpose in part is to engage in criminal activity and which uses violence or intimidation to further its criminal objectives.

Shared characteristics of gang members:

1. Members may employ rules for joining and operation within the association.
2. The members meet on a recurring basis.
3. The association may provide physical protection of its members from others.
4. The association may seek to exercise control over a particular geographic location or region, or it may simply defend its perceived interests against rivals.
5. The association may have an identifiable structure.

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City of Bethlehem's Gangs





LATIN KINGS
ADVISORY
GOLD AND BLACK CONTENT



BLACK & GOLD

have **RESPECT**

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Latin Kings use gold and black as their main colors of identification. Other identifiers of Latin Kings include a 5 pointed crown, black/gold beads and flags, lions, and ALKQN/ALKN (Almighty King Queen Nation, and Almighty Latin King Nation). The two pictures also depict Latin King hand signs.



The Bloods use red and black as their main colors. Other Blood identifiers are red/black beads, and red flags. The two pictures show examples of Blood hand signs. Some common Blood sets include Piru, Sex Money Murder, Brim, Rollin 20s, G-Shine, 9 Trey, Bounty Hunter, and many others.



The Crips primary color of identification is blue. The Crips will use blue/white beads, blue flags, and blue/white clothing as identifiers. Some Crip sets include 8 Trey, Rollin 60s, Neighborhood Crips, Shotgun, Hoover, and Grape St., among many others.

**Maniac
Latin
Disciples**



The Maniac Latin Disciples (MLD) primary color is blue. MLD identifiers include a heart with a devils tail and horns, swastika, and pitch forks facing up. The two pictures represent hand signs used by MLD members. The sign on the bottom picture also has BK for Blood Killa.

Neighborhood Gangs

Five members of the Money Rules Everything gang out of Bethlehem will face state racketeering charges, connected to criminal activities that include homicide, Lehigh County's district attorney announced Friday.

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Money Rules Everything member gets up to 10 years in prison for Lehigh Valley Mall shooting

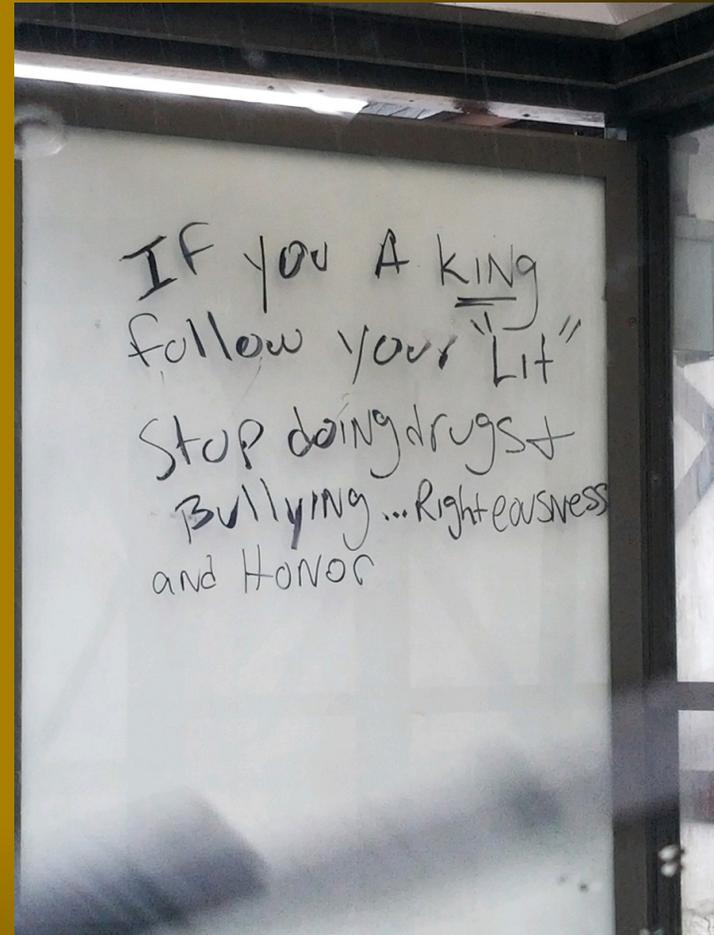
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Neighborhood gangs are a unique occurrence on the east coast. These gangs are made up of individuals that grew up together in a specific neighborhood. They represent their neighborhood instead of one of the major gangs. These gangs may have ties to a major gang, however they are not a part of that gang. Some local examples of neighborhood gangs include MRE (Money Rules Everything), GMB 600, OBG 600, G GANG, Cherokee Tribe, among many others. These individuals are real gang members despite the fact that they are not part of one of the major gangs. Like the major gangs they will all pick identifiers, colors, symbols, and areas to represent.

Graffiti

Graffiti is often a spray painted message or slogan that may also contain information on: crime; gang activity; group memberships; and clues on authorship. The City of Bethlehem Police keeps a photographic record of graffiti and shares information with other police agencies. Graffiti should be reported to the police before it is removed. Just because you may have a lot of graffiti doesn't mean that you have gang activity. Gang graffiti is easily read. This is done on purpose since it is used to mark territory, to disrespect rivals, and to intimidate people in the area.



LATIN KING GRAFFITI.

THE CROWN ON THE TOP LEFT IS AN IDENTIFIER OF THE LATIN KINGS. LATIN KINGS ALSO FALL UNDER PEOPLE NATION SO THE FOLK K IS REFERRING TO FOLK KILLA. THE DOWN FACING PITCH FORK IS A SIGN OF DISRESPECT TO FOLK NATION. ADR STANDS FOR AMORE DE REY (LOVE OF THE KING, OR KING LOVE).



Blood Graffiti

The above tags is an example of Rollin 20s Blood graffiti. NHB stands for Neighborhood Blood.

The Rollin 20s can be seen on the bottom of the tag. The tag on the right was done next to a Rollin 60s Crip tag. This was done next to the above tag as a sign of disrespect to the Crips. The bottom tag is an example of Sex Money Murder.





Crip Graffiti

The above picture is an example of a Rollin 60s Crip tag. The W/S is for West Side where the Rollin 60s originated. NHC stands for Neighborhood Crip, which is an alliance that the Rollin 60s fall under. The BK stands for Blood Killa, the PK stands for People Killa (the Bloods fall under People Nation, which is the rival of the Folk Nation, which is where the Crips fall). The HK stands for Hoover Killa.

The below picture is an example of Hoover 74 Crips.





Maniac Latin Disciples

The pitch forks and 6 pointed star are identifiers for Folk Nation, which is where the Maniac Latin Disciples fall under. The D in the middle of the star represent Disciples. The crossed out C is to disrespect the Crips. The CK stands for Crip Killa.





Neighborhood Graffiti

The below picture is an example of MRE graffiti. The above picture is a an example of GMB 600 graffiti.



Gang Tattoos

Gang members use tattoos, just like flags, beads, graffiti, and specific clothing as identifiers and to show membership. The tattoos will usually incorporate symbols, letters, numbers, and words that are important to the gang.

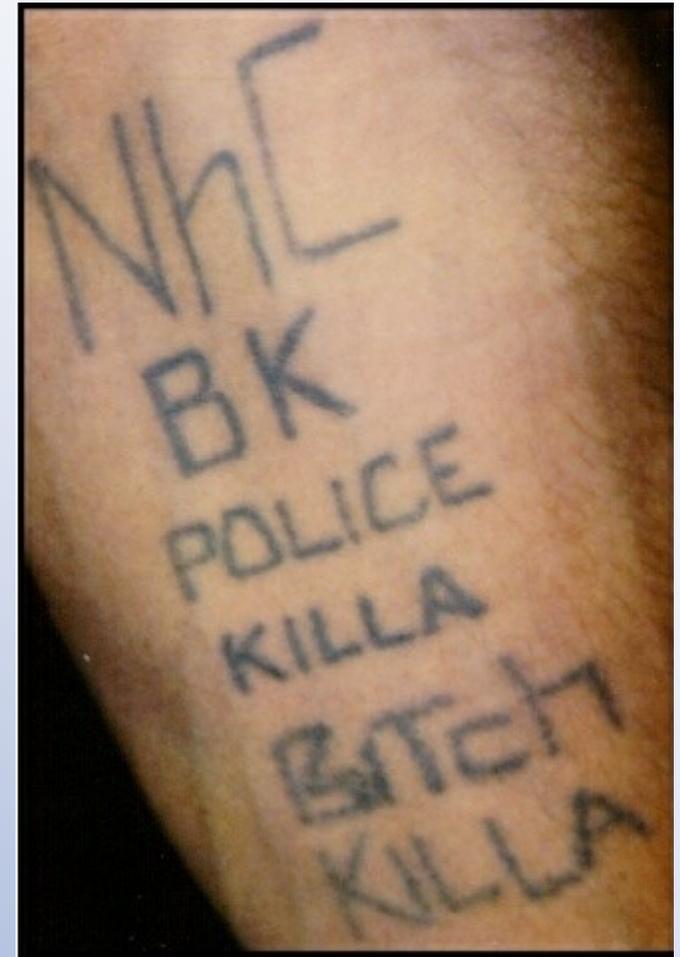
Latin King Tattoos



Blood Tattoos



Crip Tattoos



Maniac Latin Disciples Tattoos



City of Bethlehem Police Department Gang Task Force



The City of Bethlehem PD gang unit is involved in investigating gang activity in the city. We work hand in hand with other municipal, state, and federal agencies and share information. The gang unit also shares information with regional intelligence centers. The gang unit is tasked with working with other divisions in the PD to attempt to eliminate gang activity in the city.