Prominent Gangs in Georgia

- Bloods
- Crips
- Gangster Disciples
- Ghost Face
- Surenos
- Nortenos
- Aryan Brotherhood
- Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMGs)

Prominent Gangs in Georgia Cont’d

- Ghost Face Gangsters
  - Became prominent in Cobb County Jail – Late 1980s and early 1990s
  - Founding members – Chris Payne and Jack Payne
  - Originally formed as a white supremacist group
  - Now work with other races

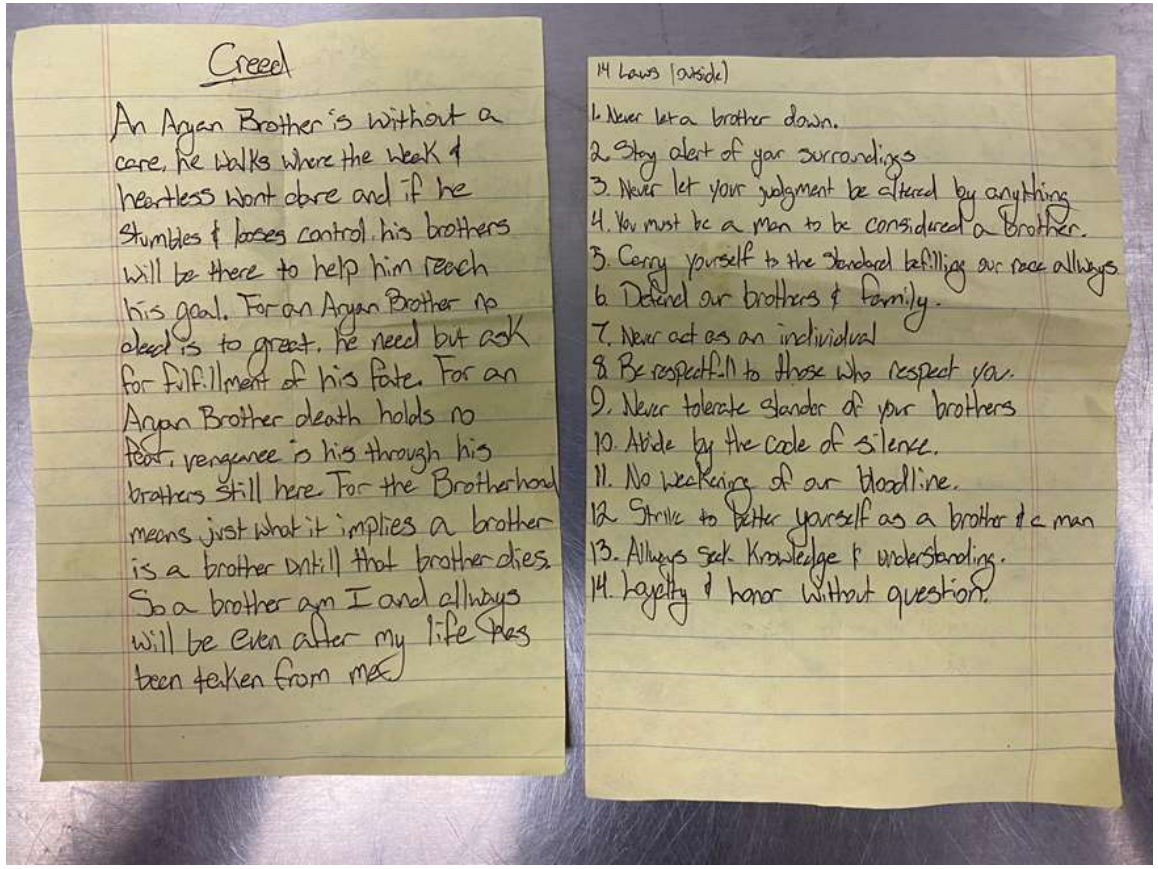
Prominent Gangs in Georgia Cont’d

- Ghost Face Gangster Identifiers
  - Color green
  - Green bandanas
  - 767
  - Seven pointed crown
  - 23
  - VG
  - Common hand signs
  - Ghost/skull tattoos



Prominent Gangs in Georgia Cont'd

- Aryan Brotherhood
  - Formed the 1960s in the California prison system
  - White Supremacist gang with strict membership rules
  - Different rules for inside prison vs outside prison
  - Notoriously violent – Blood in/Blood out
  - Known for trafficking drugs and firearms
  - White male membership only
  - Actively recruiting in Georgia



Prominent Gangs in Georgia Cont'd

- Aryan Brotherhood Identifiers
  - AB
  - 12
  - 14/88
  - 23
  - WB
  - Woodpecker
  - Three leaf clover
  - Swastikas/lightening bolts
  - Nazi symbolism in general





Prominent Gangs in Georgia (Cont'd)

- Bloods
  - Formed in Los Angeles – Early 1970s
  - Formed to combat Crips
  - Traditionally African American
  - Largest estimated membership of any criminal street gang in the country
  - West Coast vs. East Coast Bloods

Prominent Gangs in Georgia (Cont'd)

- Blood Common Identifiers
  - Number Five
  - Letter B
  - Boston Red Sox
  - Hand Signs
  - Letters CK
  - Five Pointed Crown
  - Five Pointed Star
  - Purposeful misspellings
  - Lil Wayne, 21 Savage, Cardi B, Gucci Mane



Prominent Gangs in Georgia Cont'd

- Crips
  - Formed in Los Angeles – early 1970s
  - Founding members – Raymond Lee Washington and Stanley Tookie Williams
  - Over 600 documented sets and 30,000 documented members
  - Traditionally African American
  - Gangster Crips vs Neighborhood Crips

Prominent Gangs in Georgia Cont'd

- Crip Identifiers
  - Color Blue
  - Blue bandanas
  - Handicap symbol
  - Letter C
  - BK
  - Number three
  - Three Pointed Crown
  - LOC
  - Snoop Dogg, Nipsey Hussle, Roddy Rich



Prominent Gangs in Georgia Cont’d

- Gangster Disciples
  - Formed in Chicago, Illinois – 1960s
  - Founding members – Larry Hoover and David Barksdale
  - Traditionally African American
  - Recruiting members of all races
  - 360 vs 720

Prominent Gangs in Georgia Cont’d

- Gangster Disciples
  - Color black
  - Black bandanas
  - Letters GD
  - Three pointed pitch fork
  - Common hand signs
  - Folk
  - BOS/BOSS
  - PML
  - Famous GD - Offset



Prominent Gangs in Georgia Cont'd

- Surenos
  - Created in late 1950s/early 1960s
  - Neighborhood based Hispanic gangs
  - United under Mexican Mafia
  - Sureno = Southern
  - Traditional rivals = Nortenos
  - Southern California = Below Bakersfield
  - Sets – Barrios, Neighborhoods, Clicks, Hoods

Prominent Gangs in Georgia Cont’d

- Surenos Identifiers
  - Color blue
  - Blue bandanas
  - Number 13
    - Various ways to write – Roman numerals, Arabic numerals, Aztec numerals
  - Mi Vida Loca tattoo
  - South Siders
  - Purposeful Misspellings

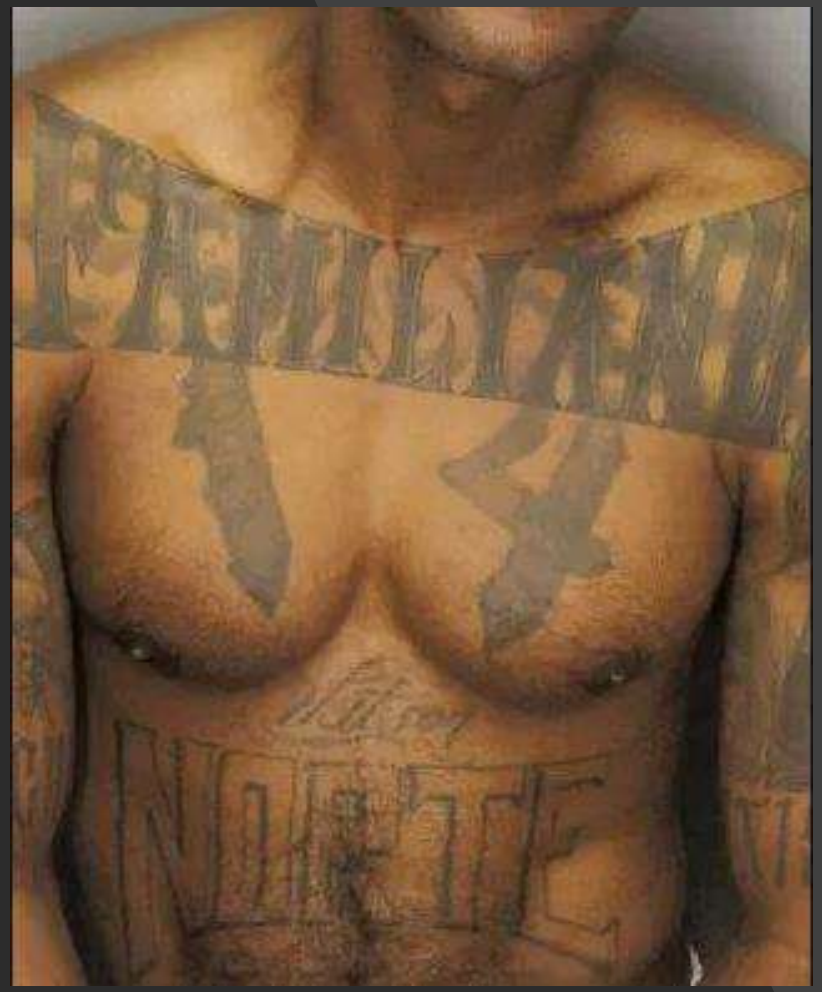
Prominent Gangs in Georgia Cont’d

- Nortenos
  - Formed in late 1950s and early 1960s
  - Loyal to prison gang La Nuestra Familia
  - Direct opposition to Surenos and Mexican Mafia
  - Norteno = Northern
  - Northern California = Above Bakersfield

Prominent Gangs in Georgia Cont'd

- Norteno Identifiers
  - Letter N
  - Number 14
  - Color Red
  - Red Bandanas
  - Four dot tattoo
  - Huelga Bird





Prominent Gangs in Georgia Cont'd

- Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs
  - Began largely after WWII
  - Hollister California Rally
  - Known as 1%ers
  - Traditionally white males, starting to see clubs of other races
  - Typically use 3 piece patch design
  - Big 6 (Hells Angels, Outlaws, Bandidos, Pagans, Mongols, Vagos)
  - Usually align with white supremacist groups in prison





GANG ASSOCIATED EMOJIS

Youth involved in negative peer groups have the potential to do something they would not normally do, yet may act out due to peer pressure or potential bullying/exclusionary behaviors by their peers. This further happens with gang-associated behaviors, creating toxic and unhealthy lifestyles. Youth involved in negative peer groups are at a heightened risk of falling victim to recruitment into gangs.

Emoji	Translation	Emoji	Translation
	**Locked Up**		**Related by Blood (Family Member/ Close Friend)**
	**Iced Out/Drip/Expensive Jewelry**		**Gang on Top**
	**Low Key**		**No Cap (No Lie)**
	**Trap house**		**Money/Recruitment**
	**Link to Snapchat**		**Link to Drill/Trap Rap Music**
	**Memorial Shirt / "Put them on a Shirt"**		**"Stepper" Gang Alignment**
	**Reference to Law Enforcement**		**Trap/Drill Music / Risk Taker / Human Trafficking**
	**Gang Legend or Boss**		**Spin the block**

Example of Emojis:





Preventing youth gang involvement is imperative from a multi-disciplinary perspective to reduce short and long-term negative outcomes for adolescents and society overall. Gang involvement for youth has a significant negative impact on their family, friends, and communities, and often leads towards premature death. Gangs are typically defined as having the following characteristics:[22]

- Formal organizational structure
- Identifiable leadership
- Identified territory
- Frequent interaction
- Involvement in serious or violent behavior.
- Formalized rules
- Identifying symbols
- Three or more individuals
- An identifiable name[23]

Youth gangs are defined by a group of youth and young adults whose involvement in illegal activities over a sustained period of time marks them as different from other youthful groups, as labelled by both them and in the view of the community and police. Identifiers specifically include committing crimes together, having a name, displaying common colors or symbols, hanging out frequently together, claiming specific territory and the aspect of having a leader.[24]

[22] Definition of a gang (2024)
[23] What is a gang? (2024)
[24] The Oxford Handbook of Gangs and Society (2024)

VIOLENCE/GROUPS

As noted, "gangs are associations of three or more individuals who adopt a group identity in order to create an atmosphere of fear or intimidation."[28] Violence groups will typically be organized by certain identifiers based on ethnicity or political lines, slogans, symbols, or tattoos. Unfortunately, these groups often use violence and intimidation as a tactic to achieve their goals when participating in criminal behavior. These groups act in numbers that increase the strength of their reach and allow for further recruitment of people into their group.

Emoji	Translation	Emoji	Translation
	Negative Peer Group/Gang		Crip Association/ Driftwood Crips
	Aggressor		Bloods Association
	"Free"/ In Custody		"SLATT" – Slime Love All the Time
	High/Dazed		Rest in Peace/ "Long Live"
	Murder/Homicide "Smoked"		Violence/Possession of Weapons
	Not a Snitch		Violence/ Possession of Firearms

[28] US Department of Justice: About Violent Gangs (2023)

	Mocking Gang Homicide "Rest in Piss"		Conflict/Mocking
	Snitch		Have committed homicide or Reference to Fallen Gang Member
	Hell's Angels World		Blood in Blood Out (BIBO Ent.)
	Crips Subset: Rollin 60's		Watts Crips / West Coast Crips
	Crips Subset: Grape Street Crips		Crips Subset: Deuce Crips
	Wolfpack Gang		Gangsters Discipline Nation (GDN)

Example of Emojis Used:



