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HUD Dept. of Housing & Urban Development
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NCIS Naval Criminal Investigative Service
RCMP Royal Canadian Mounted Police
SBA Small Business Administration
USCG U.S. Coast Guard
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USMS U.S. Marshals Service
USPS U.S. Postal Service
USSS U.S. Secret Service
USTR U.S. Treasury
LOC Local
CITY City
COUN County
ST State
OTHR Other

JUDGMENT CODES

CJ Consent Judgment
CO Court Ordered Settlement
DF Default Judgment
DI Dismissal
JN Judgment Notwithstanding
MV Mixed Verdict
SJ Summary Judgment
VD Verdict for Defendant
VP Verdict for Plaintiff

SUBJECT DESCRIPTION CODES

ORGANIZED CRIME SUBJECTS

IF Boss
IG Underboss
IH Consigliere
IJ Acting Boss
IK Capodecina
IL Soldier

KNOWN CRIMINALS

2A Top Ten or I.O. Fugitive
2B Top Thief
2C Top Cox Man

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KAT Khat
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MAR Marijuana
MDM Methylendioxyamphetamine
MET Methamphetamine
MOR Morphine
OPM Opium
OTD Other drugs

DRUG WEIGHT CODES

GM Gram(s)
KG Kilogram(s)
L Liter(s)
ML Milliliter(s)
P Plant(s)
DU Dosage Unit(s)

Continuation of GOVERNMENT SUBJECTS

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03/24/2011

***** ARREST *****

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Case Number: 92D-SU-67658
Serial No.: 1

Stat Agent Name:
Stat Agent SOC.:

Report Date: 03/24/2011
Accom Date.: 02/15/2011

Does Accomplishment Involve	Assisting Joint Agencies	Assisting Agents SOC	Subject Name
Drugs : Y			<input type="text"/>
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Bankruptcy Fraud. : N			
Computer Fraud/Abuse. : N			RA Squad Task Force
Corruption of Public Officials: N			-----
Money Laundering. : N			HQ C-2 SSV

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CONSEN MONITR	POLYGRAPH	CRIS NEG-FED	CART
ELSUR/FISC	SRCH WAR EXEC	CRIS NEG-LOC	ASSET FORF PRO
ELSUR/III	SHOW MONEY	ERT ASST	FORF SUPPORT P
ENG FIELD SUP	SOG ASST	BUTTE OSC	TFOS/CTD
ENG TAPE EXAM	SWAT TEAM	SAV OSC	CXS/CTD
LEGATS ASST.	TECH AG/EQUIP	POC SC	INFRAGARD/CYD
EVIDNCE PURCH	TEL TOLL RECS	FT. MON-NRCSC	OFC/CID
INFORMANT/CW	UCO-GROUP I	FOR LANG ASST	PPP
LAB DIV EXAMS	UCO-GROUP II	NON FBI LAB EX	FUSION CENTERS

Arrest is for Federal, Local, or International (F/L/I).. : L
Arrest Subject Priority (A/B/C)..... : C
Did Subject Resist (Y/N)..... : N
Was Subject Armed (Y/N)..... : N

United States Code Violation

Title	Section	Count
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Accomplishment Narrative

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/15/2011

To: Salt Lake City

Attn: Safe Streets/Gang Unit

From: Salt Lake City

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Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] DPW

Case ID #: 92D-SU-NEW (Pending)✓

Title: JUGGALOS

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Synopsis: Open the captioned Enterprise Investigation.

Details: DIOG, section 8, Enterprise Investigations, authorizes the initiation of an investigation by an FBI Field Office with prior approval from the Field Office SSA with written notification to the appropriate FBIHQ substantive unit. The responsible FBIHQ entity must notify the DOJ NSD or the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section (OCRS) of the initiation of an enterprise investigation by a Field Office. The FBI Field Office must also notify any relevant USAO (DIOG 8.6.A.1).

On 03/15/2011, writer spoke with AUSA [REDACTED] USAO District of Utah, and advised her of opening of this investigation. Writer also discussed with her the general purpose of the investigation.

Information in this communication was gathered from federal, state, or local violent street gang investigators, analysts or prosecutors.

BACKGROUND

The Juggalos are a violent street gang whose membership follow a small niche of the rap scene, known as "horrorcore". The genre is mainly associated with Detroit artist Insane Clown Posse, but has spawned a host of imitators who excite crowds with

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O & A to: [REDACTED]

Class: 92D

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musical horror stories in which murder, rape and suicide are recurrent themes.

Insane Clown Posse can't get its music on the radio, but claims to have 1 million devoted fans who call themselves "Juggalos" or "Juggalettes," and sometimes paint their faces to look like wicked clowns. Some continue the dress by carrying small axes, like the cartoon hatchet man associated with the band.

States are starting to recognize the Juggalos as a gang in such places as; Utah, Arizona, Pennsylvania, and California. In Utah the Juggalos have been associated with S.L.P. (Salt Lake Posse a local Crip set). The juggalos have been charged with discharge of a firearm. Juggalos crimes also include drug sales, drug possession, child endangerment, as well and many other crimes typically seen by gangs and gang members.

PURPOSE

This enterprise Investigation seeks to examine the structure, scope, and relationships pertaining to the captioned violent street gang; to identify members and the organizational structures of the gang; to identify relationships between the members of the gang; to identify all illegal activities which may constitute a pattern of racketeering activity conducted by individual gang members and groups of gang members and which may support prosecutions for federal violations.

INVESTIGATIVE PLAN

SU agents and TFOs will utilize variety of lawful methods to gather evidence or information that supports the above described purposes using traditional and sophisticated techniques and working in partnership with local, state and federal investigators.

It is recognized that in order to develop larger conspiracy investigations and successful conspiracy prosecutions, investigators must often start at the "street" level. Practical experience in enterprise investigations shows that many successful cases do not start with a Title III court order or a RICO indictment. Often, to get to that point investigators must start with and work at length at street level drug purchases of smaller amounts of drugs, surveillance, gang member debriefs,

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witness debriefs, confidential human source recruitment and other traditional or non-sophisticated techniques. Moreover, state level criminal violations often support broader federal conspiracy charges are often supply predicate violations to demonstrate a pattern of racketeering and are regularly adopted by federal prosecutors and relied upon as evidence to support federal charges and convictions. With that in mind, it is expected that SU division agents will work closely with local, state and federal agencies, squads and task forces in a variety of lawful techniques to gather evidence related to this investigation.

Investigations should also consider that the USAO, District of Utah, is very aggressive in the prosecution of Hobbs Act Robberies and will consider almost any string of robberies for prosecution and even single robberies committed by serious violent offenders which meet the elements of the statute as federal Hobbs Act violations. Consequently, assisting local and state agencies in the investigation of robberies which may fit the Hobbs Act should be considered in furtherance of this or other gang enterprise investigations when the suspects may be members of gang relating to this investigation.

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE

AT WASHINGTON, DC

For information of Safe Streets, SU opening captioned
criminal enterprise investigation.

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☒ Squad supervisor approval
(please initial)

Accomplishment Report
(Accomplishment must be reported and loaded into ISRAA
within 30 days from date of accomplishment)

Date Prepared 3/15/11
Date Loaded 3/24/11
Data Loader's Initials KY

Accomplishment involves:
(check all that apply)

Drugs ☒
A Fugitive ☐
Bankruptcy Fraud ☐
Computer Fraud/Abuse ☐
Corruption of Public Officials ☐
Money Laundering ☐
Sub Invest Asst by FO (s) ☐

Asst. FO(s)
A, B, C, D

Task Force
SSVC

Assisting Agencies x*
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File Number
92D-SU-67658

Stat Agent Soc. Sec. No.

Stat Agent Name

RA Squad C2

Assisting Agents Soc. Sec. No. x

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Name:

2.

Name:

Investigative Assistance or Technique Used

1-Used, but did not help
2-Helped, minimally
For Sub. Invest. Assist. by other FO (s) indicate A,B,C,D for corresponding FO

Rate	FO	IAT	Rate	FO	IAT	Rate	FO	IAT	Rate	FO	IAT
				Fin. Analyst			Lab. Div. Exam			UCO - Group I	
				Aircraft Asst.			Lab. Field Sup			UCO - Group II	
				Computer			Pen Registers			UCO - Nat. Back	
				Consen Mon.			Photo Cover			NCAVC / VI - CAP	
				Elaur / FISC			Polygraph			Crim/NS Intel Asst	
				Elaur / T. III			Search Warrant			Crisis Neg. - Fed.	
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A. Complaint / Information / Indictment

☐ Federal ☐ Local ☐ International
Complaint Date:
Check if Civil Rico Complaint ☐
Information Date:
Indictment Date:

B. Locate/ Arrest

☐ Federal ☒ Local ☐ International
Subject Priority: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C
Locate Date:
Arrest Date: 2/15/2011
☐ Subject Requested Arrest
☐ Subject Arrested was Armed

C. Summons Date:

☐ Federal ☐ Local

D. Recovery/Restitution/PELP X

☐ Federal ☐ Local ☐ International

Recovery Date:

Code * Amount \$

Code * Amount \$

Restitution Date:

☐ Court Ordered ☐ Pretrial Diversion

Code * Amount \$

PELP Date:

Code * Amount \$

E. Hostage(s) Released Date:

Released by: ☐ Terrorist ☐ Other

Number of Hostages:

F. Conviction

☐ Federal ☐ Local ☐ International

Conviction Date:

Subject Description Code: () *

For 6F, G, H-Include Agency Code

☐ Felony or ☐ Misdemeanor

☐ Plea or ☐ Trial

State: Judicial District:

G. U.S. Code Violation

Required for sections A,B,F, and J
(Federal Only)

Title	Section	# Counts
58	37.8.1	1
76	5.112.52a	1
76	10.503	1
58	37a.3.12.A	1

H. Sentence Date:

Sentence Type: *

In Jail: Years Months

Suspended: Years Months

Probation: Years Months

Fines: \$

I. Disruption/Dismantlement: ☒

Disruption Date:

Dismantlement Date:

Completion of FD-515a Side 2 Mandatory

J. Civil Rico Matters Date:

Also Complete "Section G"

Other Civil Matters Date:

Judgment *

Judicial Outcome *x

Amount \$

Suspension: Years Months

K. Administrative Sanction Date:

Subject Description Code *

Type: Length:

☐ Suspension ☐ Permanent

☐ Debarment or

☐ Injunction Year Months

L. Asset Seizure Date:

Asset Forfeiture Date:

CATS # Mandatory

Circle below one of the three asset forfeiture:

Admin, Civil Judicial, or Criminal

Do not indicate \$ value in Section D

M. Acquittal/Dismissal/Pretrial Diversion

(circle one) Date:

N. Drug Seizures ☒ Date:

Drug Code *

Weight Code *

FDIN

Do not indicate \$ value in Section D

O. Child Victim Information

Child located/identified Date:

☐ Living ☐ Deceased

P. Subject Information - Required for all blocks excluding block D (Recovery/PELP), blocks E, I, L, and N.

Name	Race*	Sex	Date of Birth	Social Security No. (if available)
<u> </u>	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

For Informational Purposes Only:

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x Additional information may be added by attaching another form or a plain sheet of paper for additional entries.

* See codes on reverse side.

✓ Requires that an explanation be attached and loaded into ISRAA for recovery over \$1m and PELP over \$5, disruption, dismantlement, and drug seizures.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

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To: Salt Lake City

From: Salt Lake City

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Contact: SSA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: 92B-SU-66211 (Closed)-28
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Title: Central American Criminal Groups;
Enterprise Investigation-Gangs

Sureños Gang Sets;
Enterprise Investigation-Gangs

Norteños/Blood Gang Sets;
Enterprise Investigation-Gangs

White Supremacist Gangs;
Enterprise Investigation-Gangs

Juggalos;
Enterprise Investigation-Gangs

Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs;
Enterprise Investigation-Gangs

Polynesian/Asian Gangs;
Enterprise Investigation-Gangs

Synopsis: It is recommended the captioned cases be closed.

Closed
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To: Salt Lake City From: Salt Lake City
Re: 92B-SU-66211, 05/04/2012

Details: Due to recent guidance from CID distinguishing between Enterprise Investigations and Criminal Enterprise investigations, it is recommended that the captioned cases be closed. The SSVCTF and NUCAT SSTF's will look to open 281D matters where appropriate.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/25/2008

To: Springfield

From: Springfield

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Contact: FA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED] *cd*

Drafted By: [REDACTED] *cd*

Case ID #: 281D-SI-C47451-C ¹⁸ (Pending)

Title: GANG CRIME INTELLIGENCE
MARION, ILLINOIS

Synopsis: To provide information regarding the annual concert hosted by the Insane Clown Posse called "The Gathering of Juggalos," which will take place in Cave-in-Rock, Illinois 08/07-10/2008.

Details: On 08/07-10/2008, the Insane Clown Posse (ICP) will host their 8th annual gathering of their followers in Cave-in-Rock, Illinois. The ICP is a Detroit based hardcore rap group with a cult-like following. [REDACTED]

The two are known for their violent and dark lyrics and perform what is known as hardcore or "horrorcore" rap. Male fans of the group are known as Juggalo(s) and female fans are known as Juggalette(s), but both are most often referred to simply as "Juggalos."

The fans of the group have been linked and are known to commit violent acts not only during concerts but at other times. Previous communications have documented the Juggalos as a legitimate gang with a large following. The fan base is known to number in the thousands and they follow the ICP in almost a religious manner. Juggalos utilize the symbol of a man running with hatchet, called the "Hatchetman," have their own hand signs, slang, an anthem, and a pledge of allegiance to the ICP and their ideas. The Juggalos follow the groups teachings which are imbedded in their lyrics, movies, album covers, and web-sites. This cult-like following is referred to as the "Dark Carnival."

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The ICP further promotes their music with successful clothing lines, jewelry, miscellaneous merchandise to include hatchets, and a website (www.insaneclownposse.com). Both members and followers are known to paint their faces to resemble the wicked clown associated the dark carnival.

On 06/25/2008, the writer spoke with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] regarding the ICP and their followers. [REDACTED] explained to the writer that recent information received at recent intelligence meeting regarding the ICP and [REDACTED] has his office gathering intelligence on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The upcoming "Gathering of the Juggalos" at Cave-in-Rock will be the second for this location. The website, www.juggalogathering.com, lists that over 100 bands will play in 100 hours. The event is being sponsored by ICP's recording company Psychopathic Records and will feature the majority of the individuals and bands they represent. Many of these bands and individuals perform in the same style as the ICP, utilizing the same type of graphic and violent lyrics in their music. Camping for the four day event will be available at the site and Psychopathic Records and the ICP will be setting up stands for food, basic toiletry needs, drinks, and merchandise related to the concert.

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The gathering last year at drew roughly 6,000 followers to a town that has roughly 400 residents. This large gathering put a strain on the Hardin County Sheriff's Department which estimated that it cost them an additional \$15,000.00 to police the outside event. An independent security agency was hired last year by Psychopathic Records to police and monitor the inside of the venue. Law enforcement and news media were not allowed into the event. There was 22 people were arrested on drug-related charges, 350-400 traffic violations issued, and one death was linked to heat exhaustion. The event is held on private property called Hog Rock which is [REDACTED] has several events at this location for bikers and riders of Harley Davidson motorcycles. These events are also known to draw large rowdy crowds.

A search of ACS and [REDACTED] revealed several positive references to the ICP and Juggalos related to possible gang activity. [REDACTED] stated the Juggalos are in a type of gang war in California with the MS-13 gang and are holding their own

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against them. Juggalos are known to be present in all fifty states and numerous foreign countries.

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Hi [redacted]

Here is what information I have. I hope it helps.

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That's about all I have. Hope it helps if you need anything else or have any questions don't hesitate to contact me

Sincerely

[redacted]

Intelligence/STG Coordinator

[redacted]

From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2010 2:07 PM

To: [redacted]

Subject: Juggalos

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I am also forwarding this to [REDACTED] who is an Intel Analyst
Juggalos and she and I have worked on this (she more than I). She may be able
detailed perspective than I can.

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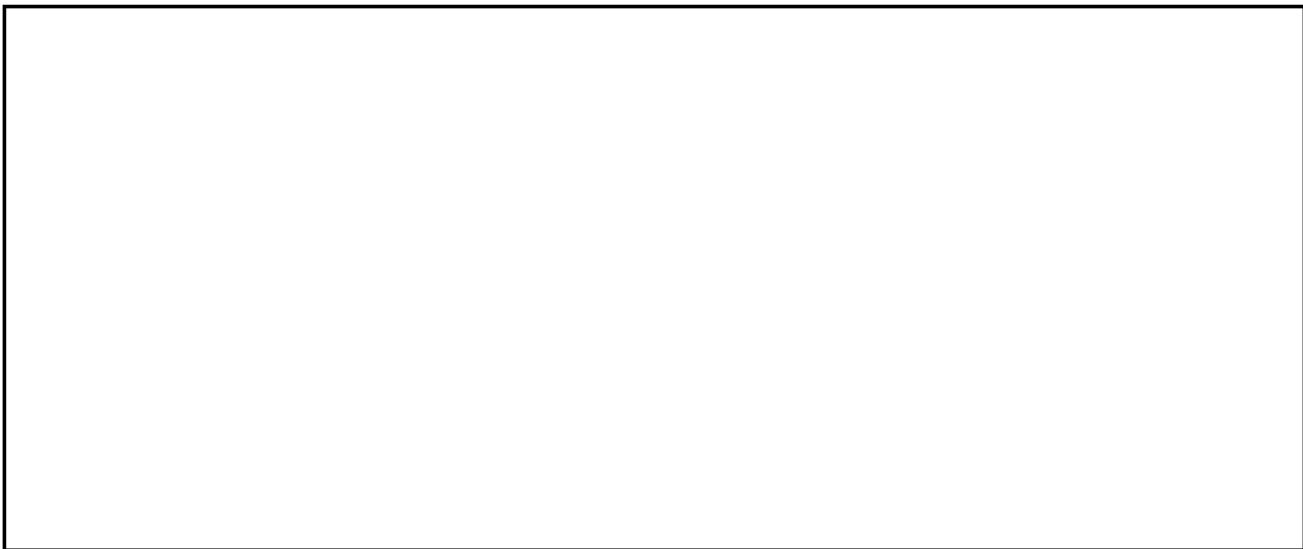
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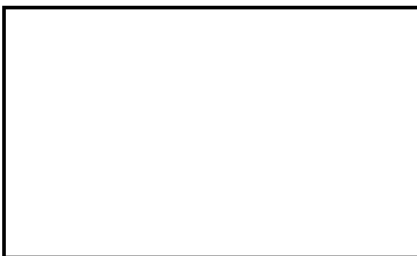
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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 5:29 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Juggalos

Sir,

I have forwarded these questions to our gang intelligence officer, [redacted] Please let me know if there is anything else we can do for you.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2010 11:07 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Juggalos

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Here is my response to your questions:

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DEFENSIVE TACTICS TRAINING COORDINATOR

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*THIS IS MY SHIELD.
I BEAR IT BEFORE ME INTO BATTLE,
BUT IT IS NOT MINE ALONE.
IT PROTECTS MY BROTHER ON MY LEFT.
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I WILL NEVER LET MY BROTHER
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NOR MY CITY OUT OF ITS SHELTER.
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FACING THE ENEMY.*

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Here is the information on the Juggalos in our area.

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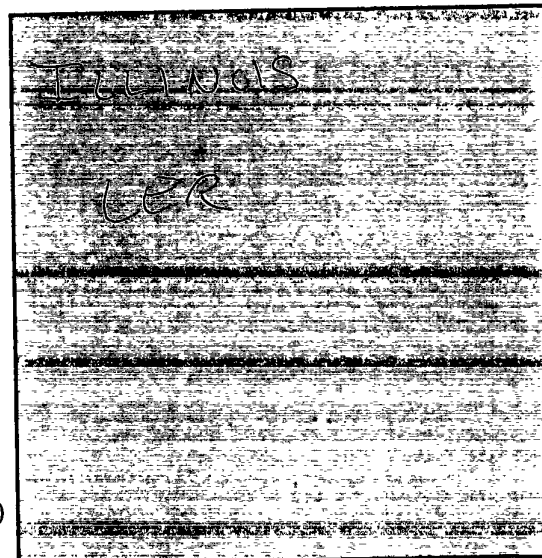
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Thanks,

[Redacted signature]

Intelligence, Accreditation, Planning & Research
Drug Recognition Expert - Hostage Negotiator

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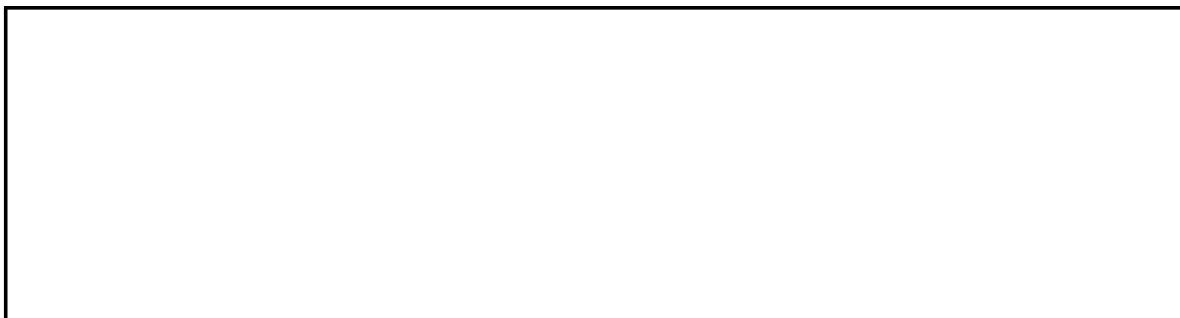
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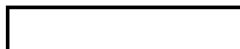
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Hope this helps!



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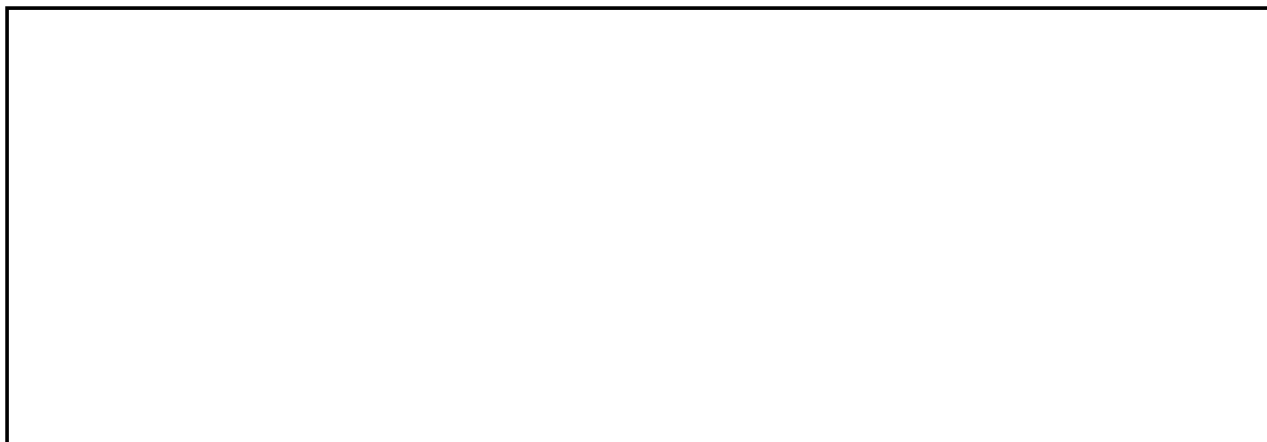
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If there is anything else I can help you with, please let me know.

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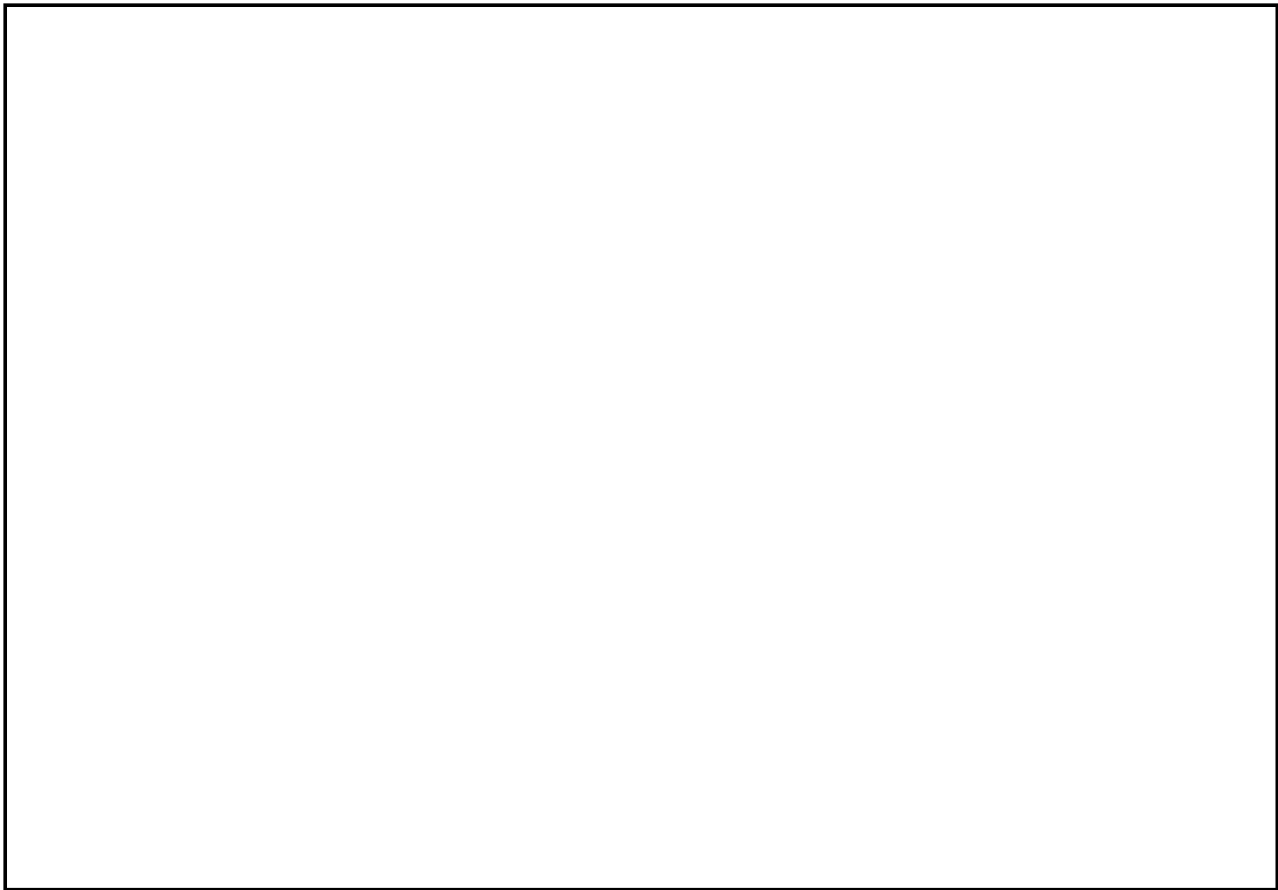
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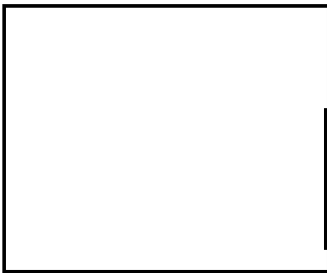
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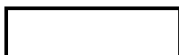
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I attached a story from a current home invasion / homicide case where one of the subjects does make some reference to ICP. It may be worth taking a look at. It is a very high profile case.

Alleged Spader conspirator Marks takes the stand

By JOSEPH COTE Staff Writer

NASHUA — Steven Spader was a dim figure standing on the right side of Kimberly Cates' bed. It was a full moon that night, and it sounded like a bat hitting the mattress when he used two hands to bring a machete down on the figures in the bed.

They begged. Someone said it was going to be OK. It wasn't, according to William Marks, who was on the witness stand Tuesday in Spader's first-degree murder trial.

Marks, 19, of Amherst, is the only person scheduled to testify who says he saw what happened inside the bedroom Oct. 4, 2009, when Cates was hacked to death and her daughter, Jaimie Cates, left for dead.

Marks said he turned on the lights once the attack was over and saw Kimberly Cates on the bed. She was moaning. A little girl was on the floor against a sliding glass door. She wasn't moving.

—Steve Spader walked up to her and hit her in the head with a machete and kicked her in the chest, Marks said.

Jaimie Cates, who was 11 at the time, didn't move.

Jaimie was eventually able to crawl out of the bedroom, find a phone in the kitchen and call 911.

Afterward, Marks said he and his father, James Marks, talked about the value of his knowledge, and they schemed to sell the story to a national media outlet during jailhouse visits and on the phone. A national outlet would pay more for the information, Marks said under cross-examination by defense lawyer Jonathan Cohen. He also admitted to a laundry list of lies he told police when he was first interviewed, the day after the murder was discovered.

Marks took the stand during the seventh day of testimony. Spader is charged with first-degree murder, attempted murder, witness tampering, and conspiracy to murder and burglary. He faces life in prison without the chance of parole.

Marks spoke quietly but clearly during his 2½ hours of testimony. The bright, jailhouse orange shirt looked too big on his 5-foot 3-inch, 97-pound frame.

Marks was a senior at Souhegan High School in Amherst last fall. He met Spader at a party about six months before. They hung out together a lot and sometimes talked about killing and hurting people, he said.

Marks said he had friends who lived near Trow Road and he knew the area.

A week or two before the attack, he and Spader were driving past the Cates home and the large house next door and talked about robbing them because they were isolated, he said.

Later, Christopher Gribble joined in on the plan, Marks said, and he learned Quinn Glover would be there the night of the attack, he said.

Throughout much of Saturday, Spader sent Marks increasingly demanding text messages, which were shown in court Tuesday, demanding he come and meet him. At one point, Marks text-messaged Spader that they should wait to rob the house until the family left for church, according to the texts.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Jeff Strelzin had Marks read one of the rules of the **"Disciples of Destruction," or D.O.D.**, which was a gang or brotherhood Spader formed around the time of the attack, according to prosecutors.

—If you get called, you come. No questions asked, Marks read.

Eventually Marks said he told his girlfriend, Tenley Carmen, he was going home but met up with Spader and Gribble. They changed clothes, picked up Glover and drove to Mont Vernon, he said.

Gribble lowered Marks into the basement, because he was the smallest, but Marks thought he was locked in because he was trying to push open a door that opened toward him. Once inside, the men checked a number of

rooms, turned off the electricity, and Spader and Gribble went into the master bedroom armed with a machete, knife and an iPod for light, Marks said.

—Spader shined the iPod on the people in the bed. They woke up. They started to talk, and at that point, Steve Spader started hitting them with a machete, Marks said. —They were saying, “You don’t have to do this. Please stop. Everything is going to be OK.”

Marks said he was in the doorway during the attack and was focused on Spader. He said he didn’t see what Gribble was doing.

Marks said he joked with the others after the attack. He testified that before the attack, he said he wanted to —plant a hatchet he had in Gribble’s car into someone’s head. Earlier, he told Carmen he wanted to —kill a pig with a knife he had just purchased at a Milford shop.

Marks said he was just going along with the crowd and trying to look tough in front of his girlfriend. The day after the attack, Marks told Carmen he was having flashbacks about what happened.

Strelzin repeatedly had Marks look at the jury and tell them exactly what he had and had not done in connection with the attack. Marks admitted he helped plan it, picking the house and even giving Gribble directions to it, but said he never touched Kimberly or Jaimie Cates and never took anything from the house.

Cohen went through a long stretch of Marks’ first interview with police before court recessed for the day around 4 p.m. Marks admitted to telling police he did not know why they were in Mont Vernon, that he was never in the bedroom or the basement and that he did not know who did what inside the house until someone told him right before they left. All were lies.

He admitted to changing his story, but still not telling the truth. His story changed to include the house was very dark, that he kept his knife in his pocket and that he didn’t hear a struggle inside the bedroom. Those were different details than he told the jury Tuesday.

He also admitted to Cohen that he lied to protect himself and only admitted certain things unless he thought police could prove him wrong. Most of his answers to Cohen were one word, yes or no.

Cohen started the cross-examination asking Marks about conversations he had with his father on the phone and during visiting hours. He said they talked about the monetary value of his knowledge and how selling it to a national outlet would make good money.

Marks maintained that was not behind his testimony on Tuesday.

Marks is charged with conspiracy to murder, an accomplice to first-degree assault, and burglary. He has agreed to plead guilty and testify against Spader and Gribble for a 30- to 60-year prison sentence and prosecutors dropped a charge of accomplice to first-degree murder charge.

The case’s lead investigator, State Police Detective Sgt. James Geraghty, was the day’s first witness.

Cohen continued to try to sow doubt about who committed the murder when he cross-examined Geraghty.

Geraghty said police knew Quinn Glover was interested in Charles Manson, the Zodiac killer, John Wayne Gacy, as well as a horror-core rap group Insane Clown Posse.

Police also knew that Glover said his favorite weapon was an ax, that his favorite song is —Pass the axe, and that police recovered a knife Glover had hidden inside a teddy bear at his house, Geraghty said.

Police also knew about William Marks making a comment about wanting to —plant a hatchet in someone’s head and that Marks and Glover had access to a hatchet and sword, respectively. Neither was tested for blood or DNA, Geraghty said.

During his redirect, Strelzin questioned Geraghty about whether any witnesses, at any point, including Spader, through letters he wrote after his arrest, suggested Glover or Marks attacked the women or that anything other than a machete or knife were used in the attack.

While Strelzin stood in front of the defense table in a staring contest with Spader, Geraghty told him he read letters Spader wrote —detailing what he did to Kimberly and Jaimie Cates and never mentioned or suggested that anyone else had a hatchet, ax, sword or anything else that could have caused the wounds to the Cateses. Neither did any of the other witnesses, he said.

—Everyone admits it was the machete and the knife, Geraghty said.

During his opening argument, Assistant Attorney General Peter Hinckley told jurors they would hear from Spader in his own words through letters he wrote to another inmate after his arrest.

Larry Amos, a computer expert from the State Police Forensic Laboratory, also testified before Marks. He examined Spader’s Apple computer and Marks’ cell phone, he said.

The phone had a picture of an emblem with —Disciples of Destruction around it.

On the computer, Amos found evidence that someone searched for ingredients and instructions to make chloroform the day before the murder, as well as a document listing the laws, principals and members of the Disciples of Destruction, he said.

Amos told defense attorney Andrew Winters there was no way to say who had created the document or made the searches for chloroform.

The only other witness of the day was John Hebert, a former police officer and now a telecommunications expert who consults with police and attorneys.

He detailed the hundreds of text messages and phone calls among Spader’s, Gribble’s, Glover’s, Marks’ and Autumn Sa-voy’s cell

phones in the days leading up to the murder, as well as the content of some of the text messages between Spader and Gribble.



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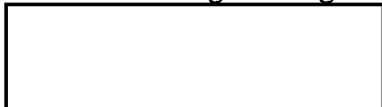
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I hope this answers some of your questions and would welcome any information you can share. I have had the privilege to speak on the topic of Juggalos at both the Texas Gang Investigators Assoc. and the Virginia Gang Investigators Assoc. as well as other state and national conferences. Thanks to this I have meet a number of the officers out there working Juggalo Gang Crimes and would welcome your assistance.

Best regards,

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I hope this information helps and let me know if you need anything else.

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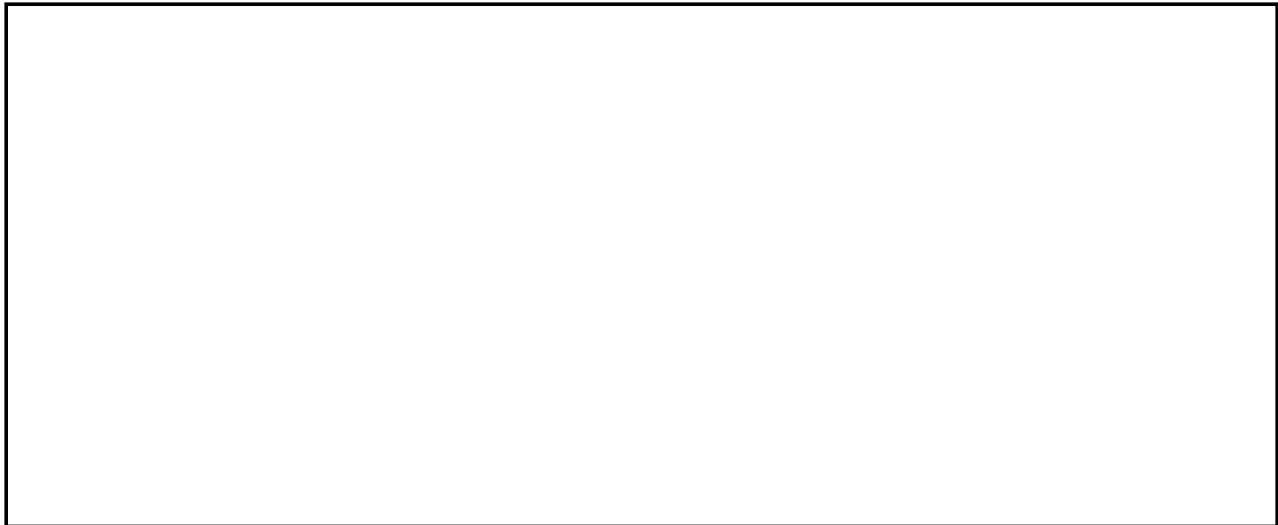
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If I can be of any further assistance please feel free to contact me.

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I hope this helps. If you need more information don't hesitate to ask.

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Thank you very much [Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
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Subject: RE: Juggalos

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I will be glad to help. Give me a couple of days to put this together and I will get the information to you.

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Subject: FW: Juggalos

If anyone had some information they can share it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

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Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 10:26 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Juggalos

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I apologize for taking a few days to get back to you [redacted]

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I hope that this is the information you are looking for – please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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Probation Supervisor: [redacted]

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Hope this helps a little.

From: [REDACTED]
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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Juggalos

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Intelligence Analyst
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See comments below. [redacted] is a [redacted] that is assigned to the PD gang unit as an intell analyst. You can contact her at the number below if you need additional info.

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Subject: RE: Juggalos

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Gangs Analyst/Gang Investigator
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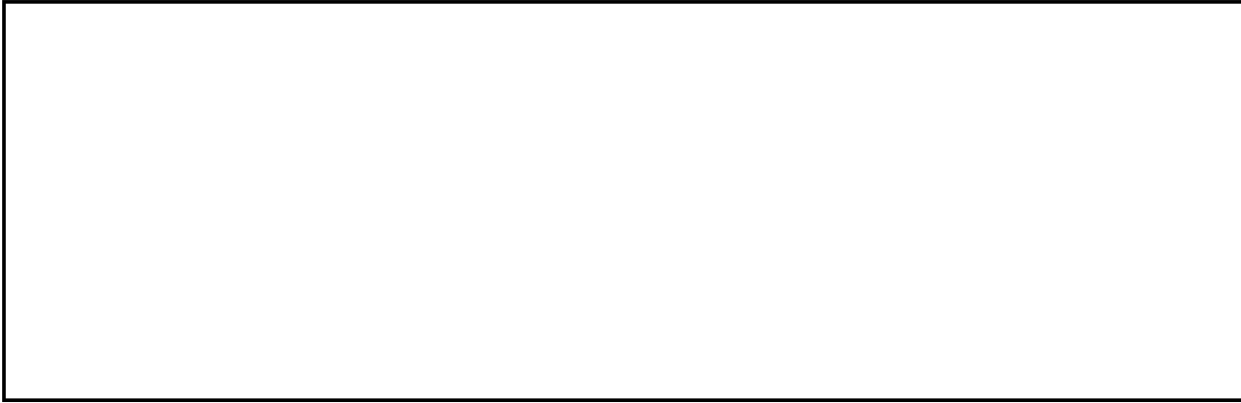
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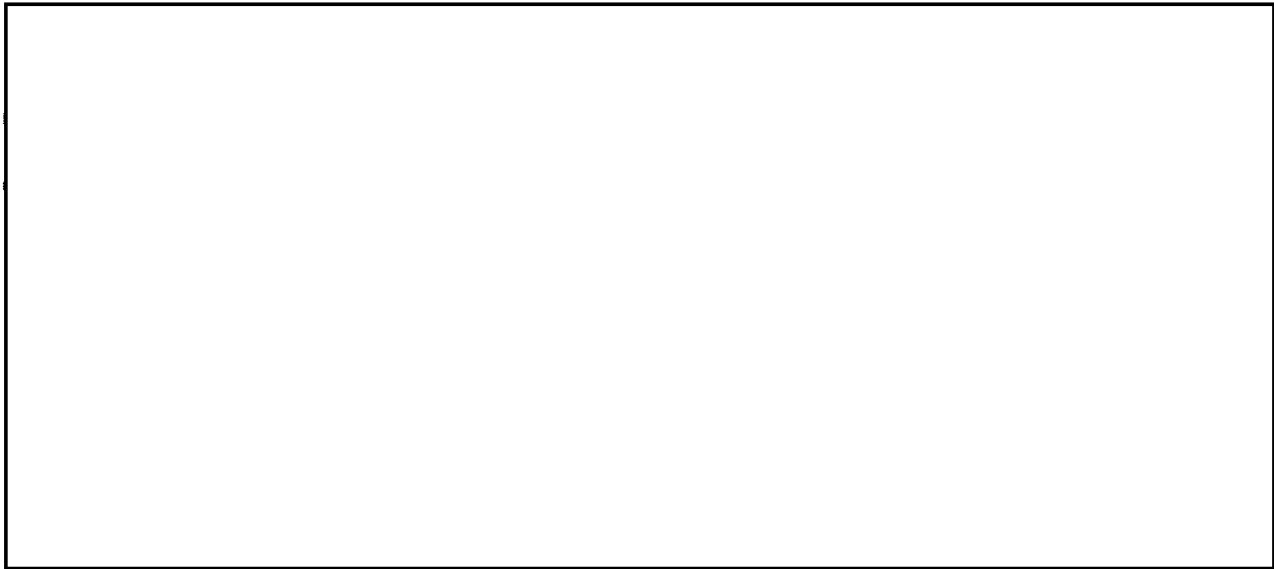
Intelligence Analyst
National Gang Intelligence Center

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Good Afternoon [redacted]



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I hope this information is useful to you, please let me know if you need anything else.



Crime Analyst



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>>> [redacted] 11/16/2010 1:40 PM >>>

Good Afternoon [redacted]

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[redacted]

My Lieutenant forwarded your request to me as I handle gang tracking for the [redacted]

[redacted] We began tracking Juggalo activity in 2010, so our records are not extensive.

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Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

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Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 1:46 PM

To: [redacted]

Subject: Juggalos

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Good Afternoon [redacted]

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Sorry it took me so long to respond I was out on Maternity leave [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] If you have any other question or need clarification email me back or call my cell listed below.

[REDACTED]
Threat Assessment Deputy

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tue 11/16/2010 1:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Juggalos

Good Afternoon Deputy [REDACTED]

My name is [REDACTED] I am an FBI analyst assigned to the National Gang Threat Assessment. I am attempting to gain a national perspective on Juggalo activity within the United States in an effort to identify current threats and trends. I have narrowed down the areas in which Juggalo activity was initially reported when the National Gang Threat Assessment was submitted. In order to get a better sense of the emerging threats and trends associated with Juggalos, I am reaching out to areas where this gang is already established or has migrated to in the last couple of years. Below are the questions most pertinent to my research. Thank you for any assistance.

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[REDACTED]
Intelligence Analyst
National Gang Intelligence Center

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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

I apologize for the delay. I was waiting to receive more information from my gang sources.

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Please let me know if there is anything more I can provide.

[REDACTED]
Intelligence Analyst

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Hi [redacted]

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The following is what we do know:

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I hope this help. Please contact me any time.

[redacted]

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"THE ONLY EASY DAY WAS YESTERDAY"

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From: [redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2010 1:53 PM

To: [redacted]

Subject: Juggalos

Good Afternoon Sgt. [redacted]

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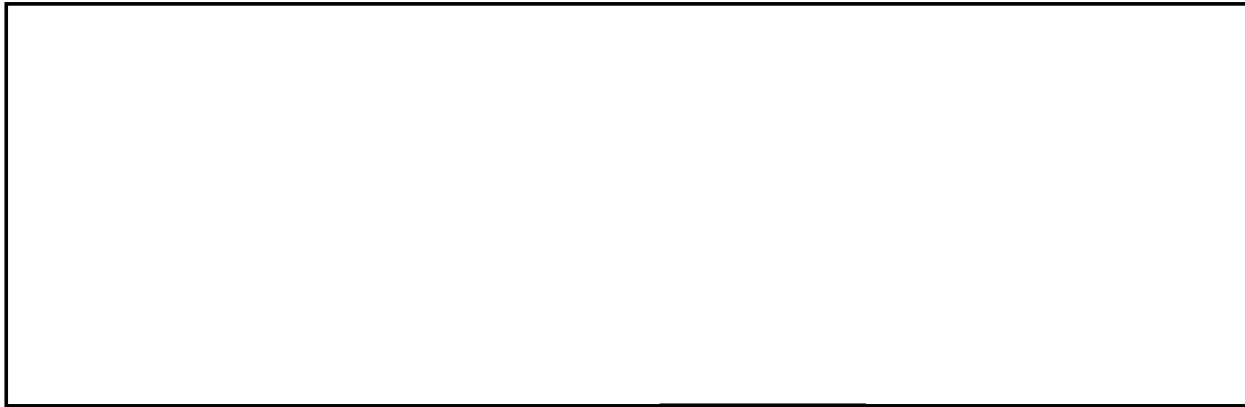
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If you have any more questions, feel free to email or give me a call.



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Hope this additional info helps, any questions call me



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I am catching up e-mails...I'm still over 800 down. Sorry...



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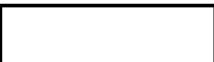
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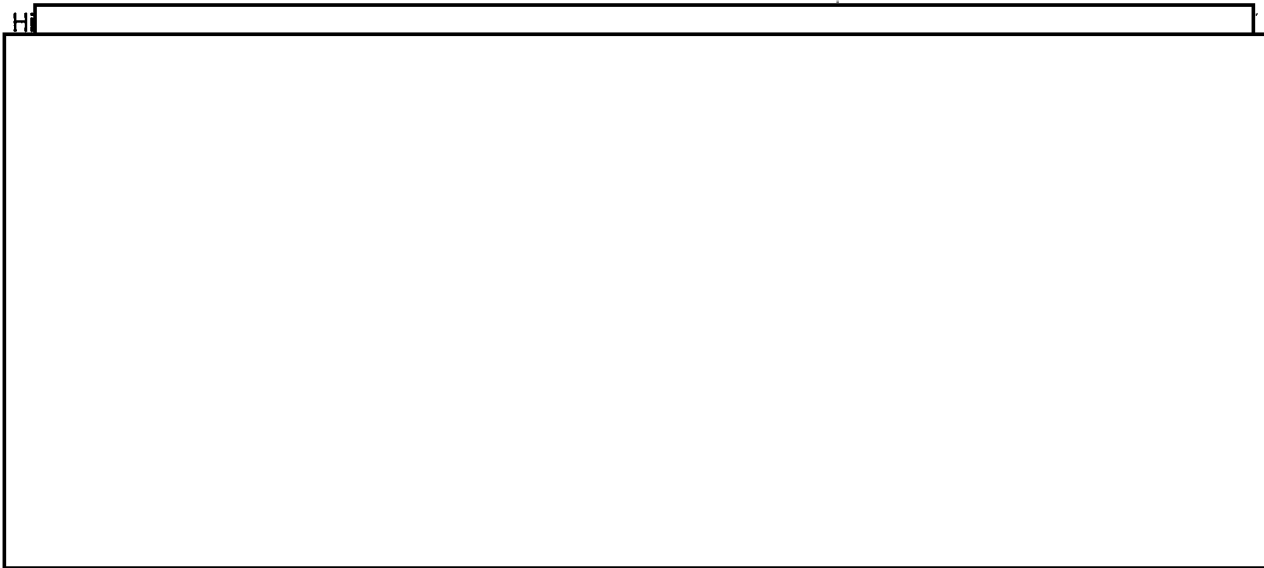
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[redacted]
I will give you what information I do have, but at this time I am no longer active in Law Enforcement. I am pending an application to the [redacted]

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As I said I am not currently in Law Enforcement, but trying to get back into it.
I would welcome more contact with you and will share any information that I may receive on gangs. I feel the best weapon that we have against the gangs is our knowledge and willingness to share information and assist each other.

Thank You

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Wed, 17 Nov 2010 11:54:25 -0500
Subject: Juggalos

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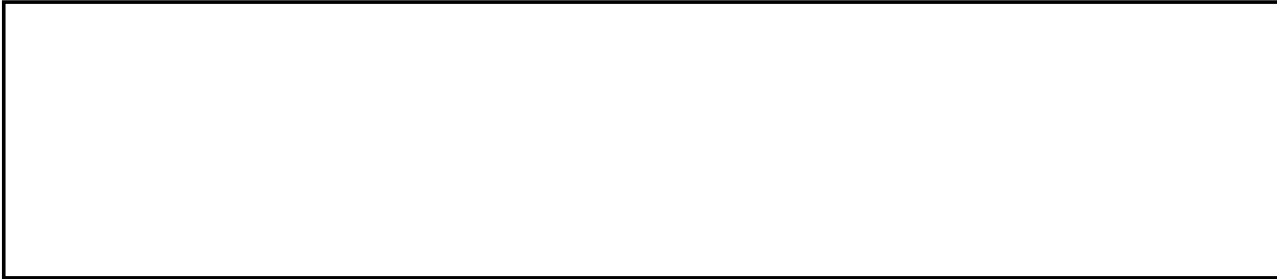
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Intelligence Analyst

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Dear Sir,



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If you need any further feel free to contact me.



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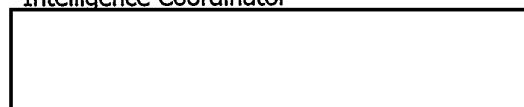
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Hope this is what you were looking for. Please let me know if you need any additional information.



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[Redacted]
Intelligence Coordinator



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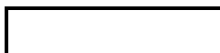
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Northeast Wisconsin Gang Assessment



"360," "720" a heart with wings, and "FOLK." Sheboygan Police Department reports intelligence that over five chapters/cliques are active in Sheboygan.

2-1 Gangster Disciples

The 2-1 Gangster Disciples are a street gang with members reported in Fond du Lac, as well as incarcerated in the Outagamie County Jail (one member) and the Winnebago Correctional Center (one member).

Goon Squad (Black)

The Goon Squad is a local Gangster Disciples street gang reported by Sheboygan Police Department Street Crimes Unit and believed to be operating in Sheboygan. This gang is associated with cocaine, ecstasy, and THC trafficking.

Ghost Gangster Disciples

The Ghost Gangster Disciples are a street gang with one member currently incarcerated in the Winnebago County Jail.

Juggalos (Big Money Hustlas)

The Juggalos are a nationwide white gang, reported throughout the Northeast Wisconsin and associated with increasing levels of criminal activity. In Sheboygan, they are considered a structured gang (with a member handbook describing ranks and duties), consisting of at least eight members and six associates, ages ranging from fourteen to twenty-one. They have been linked to crimes such as graffiti, possession of narcotics, and theft. They are often seen wearing red, black, and white colors. They also paint their faces with black and white face paint, resembling a clown. This group follows the music and "teachings" of the Insane Clown Posse, and have been



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equated with the "dead heads" of the Grateful Dead. They can be identified by Hatchet Man (cartoon character running with a hatchet) and/or "BMHS" for Big Money Hustlas Sheboygan. They also make the letters "WC" with their hands, which stands for wicked clowns. Sheboygan Police Department reports that Juggalo members from Chicago recruited members in Sheboygan and established the Big Money Hustlas there.

Omro Gang

Omro gang is a street gang reported by the Omro School District in Winnebago County, and believed to be operating in and around the city of Omro. They have been linked to drug trafficking crimes.

Peckerwoods

The Peckerwoods are a nationwide street gang reported in Green Bay and Sheboygan.

Sin City Royals (Simon City Royals)

The Sin City Royals are a regional street gang, with members reported throughout Northeast Wisconsin, as well as incarcerated in the Oshkosh Correctional Institution, Winnebago Correctional Center, and Winnebago County Jail. They are considered a structured gang (gang laws have been recovered by Manitowoc County Metro Drug Unit at search warrants), associated with decreasing levels of criminal activity in the area. Winnebago County Jail has identified fifteen incarcerated members, ranging in age from ten to thirty-one. The Sin City Royals often frequent the local parks in downtown Manitowoc. They have been linked to crimes such as assault, battery, disorderly conduct, drug trafficking (marijuana), thefts, and vandalism. They are often seen wearing the color blue, and claim to be the "white version" of the Gangster Disciples.

Sovereign Nation Warrior (SNW, S&W)s

The Sovereign Nation Warriors are a tribal gang reported by the Oneida Police Department and believed to be operating within the Oneida Tribal Nation.



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Carson City, NV



- Douglas County Sheriff's Office

17-year-old set to plead to drug sales

MARCH, 3 2011
STAFF REPORTS

A 17-year-old Carson City resident is to plead guilty March 14 to felony drug sales, accused of selling more than 60 grams of marijuana to a confidential informant.

Daniel Keenan Crawford was certified as an adult by District Judge Dave Gamble and taken into custody on Tuesday for two drug sales which reportedly occurred Jan. 26 and Feb. 3.

Crawford appeared in East Fork Justice Court on Wednesday with his lawyer, Kris Brown.

He waived a preliminary hearing and is to appear before District Judge Michael Gibbons in two weeks to enter a plea to possession of a controlled substance for sale.

Crawford is to remain in custody until his court date. He also is on a juvenile probation hold.

According to negotiations, the state won't oppose his request for Western Regional Drug Court.

Originally, Crawford was charged with two counts of sales of a controlled substance.

"The Douglas County Sheriff's Office has a zero tolerance policy for persons engaged in drug sales and/or gang activity no matter their age," said DCSO Sgt. Jim Halsey. "We will use every available resource to investigate those crimes and bring those engaged in those acts to justice."

According to investigators, during questioning Crawford allegedly admitted sales in Douglas County and Carson City to as many as 25-50 customers.

According to reports, Crawford allegedly is a validated "Juggalo" gang member and his residence is known as a gang hangout.

"Juggalos" is the name given to followers of Insane Clown Posse, or other Psychopathic Records hip-hop groups.

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POLICE & FIRE

Latin Kings and MS-13: Detectives Talk About Franconia's Gang Problem

Detectives also urge public to report Insane Clown Posse bumper stickers

By Will Sommer February 22, 2011

Fairfax, VA



Fairfax County Police Department Gang Unit detectives speaking to Franconia's Citizen Advisory Committee meeting last week brought bad news and good news. The bad: The Franconia area is threatened by Salvadoran gang MS-13, a group so notorious one detective called it a terrorist threat. The good: Gang activity in area high schools is at a new low.

The two detectives who spoke at the CAC meeting at the Franconia Government Center asked not to be photographed or named in this story for their own safety.

The detectives estimated there are more than 100 gangs in Fairfax County, and between 2,000 and 3,000 gang members. The Franconia District, which includes Kingstowne, Rose Hill and parts of Annandale and Lorton, has 13 gangs, according to a list the detectives showed.

While gang members in the area are rarely obvious, they can be spotted by a keen observer, one detective said.

"You will see them flagging out there," the detective said, referring to gang members flashing handsigns or wearing gang colors.

Gang activity in local high schools is lower than it was a few years ago, according to one detective, although the gang list did include a group specific to Hayfield High School—the Latin Homies. One detective talked about the investigation of the Tiny Rascal Gang at Edison High School in 2010.

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"We took care of those kids real quick," he said.

Even Lee High School, which experienced a spate of gang graffiti after a 2007 murder at Springfield Mall tied

Still, the detectives said the Franconia Police District continues to be threatened by gangs. MS-13 is the "biggest detective. The gang is also active in the McLan and Mason districts.

Juggalos

Another detective said some crime in Franconia may be perpetrated by another, less traditional gang: people

Fans of the group, who call themselves "juggalos" or, for female fans, "juggalettes," listen to "horrorcore" music topics like murder and rape, a detective said. He said juggalos have been responsible for assaults, robberies, child ^{child porn,} ^{murder} ~~cl~~
Fairfax County. He declined to name the murder case.

The detective cautioned that listening to the Insane Clown Posse, or even being a juggalo, does not mean a person

"Don't freak out," he advised people who might know a juggalo, saying listening to the music does not make a person attending an ICP concert in Norfolk, Va., and being treated well by a juggalo who thought he was a fan.

"A lot of people consider them a cult," he said. According to the detective, Rose Hill's Gangster Disciples consider ^{themselves Juggalos.} ~~themselves~~

The detectives said anyone who sees the "Hatchet Man," an ICP symbol, should report it to Fairfax County police carrying a hatchet or cleaver, can sometimes be seen on cars, according to the detective. He asked that people the Hatchet Man logo.

"I'd just like to talk to [reported juggalos]," the detective said.

The detectives urged anyone with gang-related information to contact the unit at 703-246-2511.

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SEE NEXT IN POLICE & FIRE
The Gangs of Franconia

COMMENTS (2)

J

9:54am on Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Juggalos are no more a gang then fans of any other music group what a crock have fun on your witch hunt

cheichele

12:53pm on Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Agree with J. Just because some juggalos "have been responsible for assaults, robberies, child pornography, and unfortunately, a few bad apples labels us all. The media allows extremely too much propaganda to be distributed

I am not in a gang or cult. I don't do drugs nor have I ever killed anybody. I've never stolen anything, let alone studying Criminal Justice after which I plan to be a probation officer while attending law school.

I'm proud to be a juggalette. I just wish I didn't have to be labeled by a few idiots. There are plenty of people who

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Man charged with shooting couple on Maple Valley trail

Posted by Jennifer Sullivan

An 18-year-old Maple Valley man who is accused of shooting and wounding a couple on the Lake Wilderness Trail on Dec. 27 was charged Monday with two counts of first-degree assault.

According to court documents, a 16-year-old girl and her 18-year-old boyfriend were on the trail when they ran in to **Shayne D. Willis**, and his friend, another 18-year-old man. The boyfriend accused Willis' friend of being a member of a particular gang, according to court documents.

Willis, who was dressed in a suit and wearing a fedora hat while walking on the trail, allegedly warned the couple that he was armed and then showed them his gun, police and prosecutors say. Willis told the couple he would count to three and then fire if they were still there, court documents say.

When Willis got to three, he fired one round, which went through the boyfriend's shoulder and struck the girl in the head, according to the King County Sheriff's Office. The boyfriend called 911 at 1:32 p.m. Deputies said neither suffered life-threatening injuries.

When sheriff's investigators questioned Willis he said that he's not in a gang, but is a former "Juggalo," a nickname for fans of the Detroit-based heavy metal/rap duo Insane Clown Posse. Investigators, in their report, said Willis carried a wallet with the Insane Clown Posse logo embossed on it. Deputies say he also has several tattoos on his neck and arm which are "representative of the Juggalo gang," charging papers said.

Sheriff's Detective **Jake Pavlovich** wrote in his report that "Juggalo gang members typically wear suits and fedora-style hats to identify themselves as members."

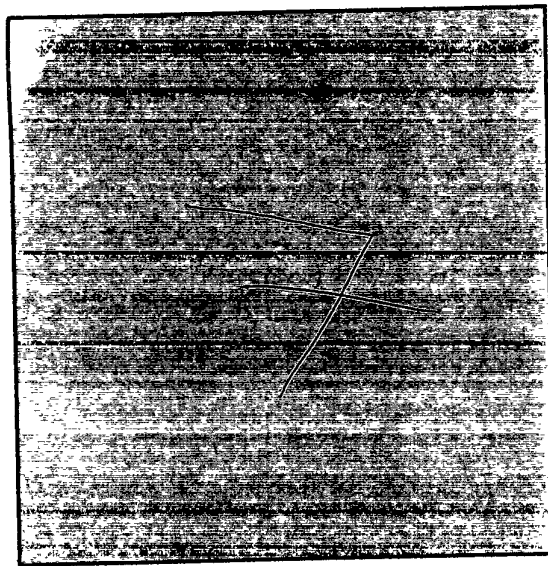
Willis' friend wore a hat and necklace featuring "a running hatchet man," a symbol associated with the Insane Clown Posse and Juggalos, charges said.

Willis was booked at King County Jail for investigation of assault. According to prosecutors, he is being housed in the psychiatric ward at the King County Jail.

Willis' friend, who The Seattle Times is not identifying because he has not been charged, was

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' taken into custody but was not booked into jail.



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Manitowoc crime rate rises in 2010, report shows



Written by

Suzanne Weiss
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MANITOWOC — Manitowoc's crime rate rose last year, and drugs, gang activity and underage drinking continue to be among the city's law-enforcement challenges.

These are some of the issues highlighted in the Manitowoc Police Department's 2010 Annual Report, published in July.

Manitowoc's crime rate for the most serious crimes was up in 2010 over 2009, said Police Chief Tony Dick in the report.

Among the statistics: Auto thefts rose 30.77 percent, from 13 thefts in 2009 to 17 in 2010. Thefts rose 32.87 percent from 216 to 287; vandalism was up 34.42 percent, from 276 to 371, and attempted thefts were up 16.67 percent, from 6 to 7.

During 2010, Manitowoc County dispatchers assigned to the city received more than 35,736 calls for service. These calls generated 17,461 police incident reports.

Among the 2010 arrests, police made 43 arrests for violent crime, down 17 percent from last year; 1687 arrests for property crime, up 20.95 percent from last year; and 132 drug arrests, up 42 percent from last year.

Drug problems

Manitowoc has had a dramatic increase of prescription drug overdose deaths involving young adults over the last few years, said Capt. Scott Luchterhand in the report.

"We need the assistance of our community to step forward and become leaders in an effort to make the necessary changes to prevent these drugs from getting into the hands of our citizens," said Luchterhand, head of the Detective Bureau.


An extra Manitowoc Metro Drug Unit officer, added last year thanks to a 2009 grant, helped police create a bigger impact on what Luchterhand called "the tremendous

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drug problem facing our community."

With the help of the district attorney's office and the state Department of Justice, three major area drug dealers were sentenced to extended prison terms last year for their involvement in contributing to the death of these victims, he said.

"Unfortunately, the drug problem in our community has continued to increase throughout the past year. Heroin use is at an all-time high. Combine that with the continued use of cocaine and prescription drugs such as Oxycontin, Fentanyl, morphine and methadone and our community is facing a major hurdle, which will be difficult to overcome," he said.

"Narcotic drug use is extremely addictive and creates a craving that is so overwhelming that the abuser will do anything to get these drugs. Unfortunately, this creates more crime for our community as abusers break into residences/businesses, commit robberies, and steal products to try and sell for money to supply their habits."

Gang activity

There is evidence that known gang members are dealing in the sales of illegal drugs, according to the portion of the report on the department's patrol division.

The report detailed the emergence of the Juggalos, a gang new to Manitowoc. Surrounding cities, especially in the Fox River Valley area, have had issues with

Juggalos and Juggalettes, the female version of these gang members, for years. In June 2010, Manitowoc experienced its first real issues with several of these gang members, who were found responsible for stealing a motorcycle, entering vehicles to steal items, and numerous acts of vandalism resulting in hundreds of dollars in damage to property.

Several Juggalos gang members have been identified in the city, and patrol officers, along with the officers involved in the Gang Task Force, monitor their activities whenever possible.

Cooperative efforts by members of the Two Rivers Police Department to identify Juggalos residing in their jurisdiction and the Mishicot area, and the sharing of this information between departments, also has resulted in a better-coordinated effort to meet this threat, according to the report.

A majority of the members belonging to this gang are fans of the band Insane Clown Posse, according to a report by

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Capt. Larry Zimney and Jason Freiboth of the gang unit.

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They described a case in which a ~~Manitowoc resident physically assaulted a Two Rivers resident with a sword and claimed that an Insane Clown Posse song~~ ran through his mind during the attack.

On a national level, the gang has been classified as an organized crime group with violent tendencies, the report indicated.

Targeting drinking-party hosts

The annual report also focuses on ~~underage drinking~~, which continues to be a problem in Manitowoc.

The social host ordinance (which went into effect in 2010) has helped officers cite numerous people who allowed underage alcohol consumption on their properties, said the report.

In the past, it was difficult to prove who provided an underage person with alcohol when responding to these calls. The ordinance allows officers to cite a person if he or she can prove who the property owner or person in charge of the property or drinking event is, and that they knew this activity was taking place.

"And with a current fine amount of \$1,311, this sends a strong message to these social hosts that the city does not take this issue lightly," said the report.

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Gangs make mark

Recent string of gang activity has staff, lawenforcement working harder

By Greg Knight, Vernal Express

A suspected gang member's decision to bring a gun to Uintah High School last week has some questioning whether the school gang problem and what is being done to prevent violence on campus.

On Dec. 13 a student who had been previously expelled from Uintah High was arrested for bringing an unloaded Taurus 9mm into a school bus. The sophomore had been expelled for his involvement in a November incident where another weapon was taken to campus.

While fighting and other delinquent behavior have been a part of school for as long as many can remember, an incident involving a gun being brought to campus intentionally is a first for Uintah High, according to Uintah County sheriff's deputy Travis Mold.

Mold, who has worked as the school resource officer at Uintah since 2007, said the presence of gang activity at the school has become an increasing problem for authorities and administrators.

"We have seen graffiti written on the walls and a lot of kids involved in that are wearing the colors and different types of clothing to affiliate them with gangs," Mold said.

According to records obtained from the Uintah County School District, of the seven gang-related incidents reported over a three-month period, two involved verifiable gang graffiti.

And the gangs the school has to deal with are as varied as you might see in cities bigger than Vernal, Mold said.

"There are more gangs than just Crips and Bloods here at the high school," he said. "We see a lot of green here that we deal with. That color represents Juggalos. They wear green hats or shirts, along with medallions that they wear, and that is an easy way to identify them around campus. Juggalos typically don't wear bandanas like some of the other groups might on campus."

"Juggalo" is the name given to fans of the band Insane Clown Posse. News reports in Salt Lake City and St. George have linked Juggalos to crimes across the United States, and specifically in Utah, where they have been labeled as a "violent gang" by some law enforcement departments.

Law enforcement officers in Utah use criteria like self-identification as a gang member and having tattoos of a gang-related symbol to classify people as gang members. Using those criteria, recent estimates show that there are 3,000 to 4,000 Juggalos in Utah, with a majority of those fans proclaiming a lifestyle of sexual promiscuity and alcohol and drug abuse.

Mold also said identifying members of gangs on campus, while easy enough thanks to the colors worn by certain groups, is made difficult when students take on a lower profile during the school day.

"It's really difficult to stop sometimes because a lot of these kids that are involved in gangs in the school have changed not to wear their colors here," he said. "So even though we know they are associated with the groups, it's hard to pin them into one group."

Gang membership at Uintah High is spread across all racial and economic backgrounds, Mold said. It is not specific to one race or community in the Uintah Basin.

"The Juggalo gang we have here is prevalently white kids from the Vernal area," the deputy said. "We are also seeing a White Crip gang that is typically Native American kids living in that area."

"There is also a group of Sureno 13 here that is more of a Hispanic gang, even though there are some Mexican kids in it as well," Mold said. "There are some Blood gangs here from the Whiterocks and Fort Duchesne areas. They call themselves Blood Killers, an anti-Crip group."

Mold also said that one of the most proactive steps the school takes is to have meetings with the students about gang-related activity. Anytime kids are seen wearing anything that is associated with a gang, it's taken from them. They have to come in and get it from after-school or officials keep the item, depending on what it is, the deputy said.

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But law enforcement efforts are only one part of the battle Uintah High.

"In this situation, we knew this kid was on the bus, but we didn't know he had a weapon at that point," said Uintah Principal Julie Wilde, referring to the Dec. 13 incident.

"If it weren't for a student who was on the bus and a real hero, we might not have known about the weapon," she added.

Wilde, who is in her fourth year as the top administrator at the high school, said safety comes first and foremost in the minds of school and district employees.

"When we have an incident like this we go into lockdown immediately," she said. "When it happens there is an announcement over the intercom that tells students and teachers we are in lockdown. Depending on where the kids are, mandates what happens. If they are in class, it is pretty easy. The teachers shut the doors and they are locked."

According to Wilde, if students are moving from class to class or are on a hall pass, they are directed into the nearest classroom as possible.

"On (Dec. 13), after we had debriefed at the end of the day, there were several teachers who said they had as many as five students duck into their classroom," said Wilde, who also added that drills have been "on-going" at the school and have been a big factor in training students how to be safe during lockdown incidents.

When asked whether she thinks the gang problem at Uintah is real, or simply the effects of students mimicking a lifestyle seen on television and in larger cities, Wilde was clear about her thoughts on the matter.

"A gang wannabe is a gang gonna-be," she said.

Uintah Schools Superintendent Mark Dockins said the district is doing all it can to ensure that gangs do not become a problem at the high school — and that a certain level of hyper-awareness is needed to combat the problem.

"We have clear protocols in the school system to deal with what these students are doing on-campus," Dockins said. "Using the school code, and when we see them flying the colors, we deal with those things right away."

Gangs, whether in the city or rural areas, typically use specific colors of clothing or special accessories such as medallions to show membership and affiliation. Bandanas in red, blue and green are a preferred method of gang members in Utah to show what group they belong to.

The school district has a policy that attempts to deal with gang attire, Dockins said by banning what it considers "immodest clothing, accessories, hairdos or personal adornments which result in the disruption of the educational climate such as baggy or low-rise pants."

The policy also states that administrators and staff make the necessary judgments when it comes to what is inappropriate — either when clothing promotes violence, alcohol, drugs, tobacco or is an article or color of clothing, badge, sign, lettering, hairdo, jewelry, emblem or symbol that is recognized or acknowledged by students to designate a gang or membership in a gang.

When students are recognized to be gang members or associates, the district has a limited ability to help them get out of that situation, Dockins said.

"There are counselors in every secondary school in the district, but we don't per se, have a diversion program to help them," he said. "But we have some programs in the schools that we use for character development and education."

One such program is Preventions Dimensions. The state-sponsored program provides lessons on many problems students might encounter.

"But most of the time the progression is such that when we deal with gangs, it results in a suspension and it is tied to them having some sort of counseling when they come back," Dockins said.

As part of its Safe Schools policy, the district considers the possession, control, or actual or threatened use of a real or imitation weapon, explosive, or noxious or flammable material, along with the sale, control, or distribution of a drug or controlled substance or an imitation controlled substance as disruptive behavior. It mandates that students who violate the policy on weapons be expelled from the district for one calendar year from the date of the offense.



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Officials raise gang awareness

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The Cañon City Police Department and Cañon City Middle School teamed up to offer parents information about gang activity their children probably encounter in their own classrooms.

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CCPD officers Maureen "Mo" Sheridan and Mike Slattery presented the information during the school's monthly parent meeting.

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"The reason we want you guys to know about it is because some of these kids are going to our schools with your kids," Sheridan said. "And you need to know these guys are actually around here and what they're involved in."

Sheridan and Slattery said gang activity is not necessarily a major problem in Cañon City, but it does exist and the officers do keep close tabs on those who are known to be affiliated with gangs.

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"We do have several hardcore gang members in this town," Sheridan said. "Don't ever let race really influence whether they are or aren't (involved in a gang) in this part of the country."

Pueblo has at least 43 known gangs, Sheridan said, and the CCPD has dealt primarily with the Sureños, Crips, Bloods, Folk Nation, Juggalos (ICP), and hate groups.

"Hate groups in this area are huge," Sheridan said. "That's our largest group."

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"The Bloods we did not see a lot of until this year; we are starting to see it in our school system."

Insane Clown Posse, which is based from a hip hop music group, is a growing problem in Cañon City, as well.

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Males also are known as "juggalos" or "ninjas" and females are referred to as "juggalettes" or "ninjattes."

"Something you guys as parents really, really, really need to know is these guys are all over in our school system right now," Sheridan said. "Mainly in the middle school and into the high school."

Those involved in ICP claim it is their "family" or "religion" rather than a gang, and commonly are in possession of knives, ice picks, screwdrivers or hatchets.

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They do not like authority and are becoming more involved in criminal activity, Sheridan said, such as homicide, drugs and car hopping — breaking into cars.

"As parents, you need to listen to the music your kids listen to," Sheridan said. "I cannot stress this enough."

The ICP band's "horrorcore" lyrics talk about drugs and murder and its symbol the "hatchetman" or "hatchetgirl" are banned in the school system in any form.

Students who bring bracelets, charms or other paraphernalia with the hatchetman will be confiscated.

"This was pulled off of a kid from the very school we are sitting in here," Sheridan said displaying a hatchetman charm and chain. "If your kids are wearing this stuff, you need to be aware of what they're involved in. Chances are they're smoking pot."

Gang members bring an intimidation factor into the schools, Sheridan said, and as the School Resource Officer for the district, she has started to take a harder look at harassment.

"I have zero tolerance for harassment," she said. "I have no sympathy for it, I have no tolerance for it."

CCMS Principal Ken Trujillo said most students are afraid and intimidated by others associated in gangs and try to stay away from them.

However, he said a lot of bullying is kids trying to fit in with particular groups.

"We've gone to war with this stuff," Trujillo said. "We've had a lot of arrests, we've had a lot of stuff going on; it's a lot of drama."

The officers said the presentation is not geared to scare parents, or to imply all teens are making poor choices; they simply want parents to be informed and aware of who their kids are with on a day-to-day basis.

"Parents can call me at anytime with any question about any of this," Sheridan said.

Trujillo said a presentation regarding bullying, harassment and sexting will be scheduled at a later date and will be open to the community.

Officers Sheridan and Slattery may be reached at the CCPD at 276-5600.

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Police, schools watching 'Juggalos' - Classified as gang

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SHOW LOW — Juggalos consider themselves a family and fans of a rap group's music.

But due to reported criminal acts by some of them, Show Low school administrators and police are watching out for those who identify themselves as Juggalos.

Juggalo, or Juggalette, is the name given to fans of Detroit rap group Insane Clown Posse, a group whose name reportedly originated from a live performance, when during a song called "The Juggla," the audience was referred to as Juggalos. Fans reacted favorably and the name stuck.

Juggalos call themselves a family, but for law enforcement in Arizona, some groups of Juggalos are classified as gangs. According to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) State Gang Task Force, also known as the Criminal Enforcement Mission (GIITEM), a criminal street gang is "an ongoing association of persons, either individually or as a group commit or attempt to commit a felony act and has at least one person who is a criminal."

DPS identifies criminal street gang members by two of the following seven criteria: "self-proclaimed membership, statements, written or electronic correspondence, paraphernalia or photographs, tattoos, clothing or other items associated with gang membership."

Sgt. Jon Wisner with GIITEM said the unique thing about the Juggalos is the origins with Insane Clown Posse. A large number of people who listen to Insane Clown Posse and are obviously not going around committing crimes. Offshoot groups of Juggalos meeting their gang criteria they are watching out for.

"It's when you have a group of them that act in concert and commit a felony crime in furtherance of the gang's goals," he said.

Wisner said some other people may be classified as associates if they hang out with other known gang members. A classification can be hard to determine since many people who like Insane Clown Posse's music are not Juggalos or others that do.

"It really depends on a case-by-case basis," he said.

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According to a July 2008 East Valley Tribune article, a statewide group of investigators met and considered gang members, there were a few emerging sects which met gang classification. That detective in the article. The detective said Mesa had 34 documented Juggalos who had been arrested. A November 2008 Phoenix New Times article noted Phoenix police were investigating a string of reportedly proclaimed Juggalos.

Arizona is not the only place that has classified Juggalos as a gang. Law enforcement in Utah, Nevada and Calif., have also done it, according to internet sources.

Juggalos around the country have been blamed for homicides, kidnapping, assaults and arson fire

Far from being flattered by the attention, Insane Clown Posse and their recording label, Psychopop, deny violence by their fans.

Show Low Police provided The Independent with a list of incidents dating back to June of this year involving Juggalos or crimes in which Juggalos are suspected. There are 10 incidents, eight leading to arrests between the ages of 14 and 17. A few of the juveniles are involved in multiple incidents and some

Perhaps the highest profile incident was when nine juveniles were arrested for criminal trespassing. One incident included an assault from one of those involved. Show Low Police said all those involved openly

Show Low Police and Show Low High School Resource Officer Brandon Clark said those identified as Juggalos are involved in a variety of other incidents.

"One of them has committed aggravated assault against a police officer, one of them has committed robbery, one has had drug possession, we've had underage consumption."

Other incidents include theft, possession of drug paraphernalia and disorderly conduct.

Clark said Show Low police officers' concern is the potential for the group's behavior to escalate. He said, the department has been taking a proactive stance.

Recently, there was an incident at Show Low High School in which three students dressed in Insane Clown Posse costumes in school. The incident took place Oct. 29, the Friday before Halloween.

Show Low High School Principal Farrell Adams said the kids involved were fully decked out in Insane Clown Posse hats and shoes, and wore the face paint the group is known for. He said they were suspended "for

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forbidding the wearing of gang-related apparel on campus during school hours or school activities.

Adams said due to recent criminal incidents, the school has had to adopt DPS' policy of classifying school's actions started fairly recently.

"A year ago, we didn't have any reason to think ICP is a problem," he said.

Adams notes that even before the Halloween incident, including Oct. 29, kids were told not to wear gang-related apparel. He said the school has steps of discipline for such incidents: a warning for the first offense, detention thereafter.

Adams said they have dealt similarly with kids proclaiming themselves members of other gangs, such as the MS-13, at school. He said he understands First Amendment concerns and encourages students to express their opinions in a safe step in if something is a distraction to the natural learning environment.

"Show Low High School wants to be a safe place for kids to learn," he said. "(Gang members) can't just come and not only learn but to feel safe.

"We want kids to be able to express themselves, we just don't want them to wear gang-related apparel."

Given the pattern of behavior he has seen, Adams said he believes the school also has to be step in.

"I think that what we have going on is we have a group of individuals who want to establish a gang at Show Low High School's stand is to not allow a gang to become entrenched in our school so that it becomes a problem."

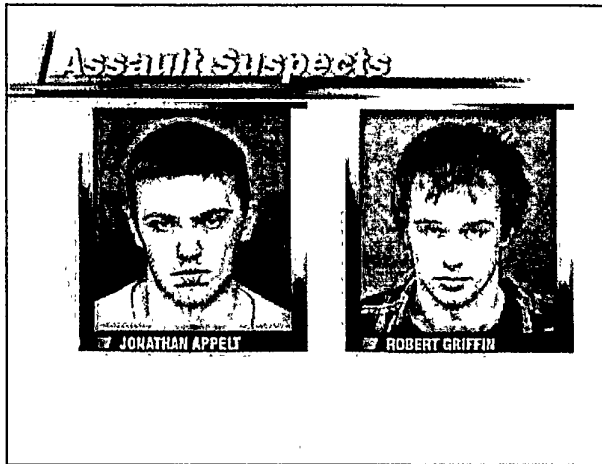
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Teen gets probation in attacks on homeless

By Bennett Hall, Gazette-Times reporter | Posted: Friday, January 22, 2010 2:55 pm

One of two Corvallis teens accused of attacking local homeless men was released from jail Friday as part of a plea agreement while charges against the other were dropped after he was compelled to testify before a grand jury.

"I don't like the deal," prosecutor Christian Stringer told Judge David B. Connell in Benton County Circuit Court Friday morning. "But I think it's a realistic deal."

Jonathan Appelt, 18, was charged with second-degree robbery, a felony, in connection with the Jan. 4 beating and robbery of Stephen Surdyka, 55, outside the University Market at 1149 N.W. Van Buren Ave.

Appelt was also charged with third-degree assault, another felony, in the beating of Jonathan Leasure, 60, under a downtown bridge in October.

Robert Griffin, 19, was arrested with Appelt on Jan. 6 and was also charged in both attacks. But the charges against Griffin were dropped after prosecutors compelled him to testify before a grand jury. In cases where a criminal defendant is compelled to give testimony that could incriminate him, Oregon law requires immunity from prosecution.

Appelt appeared in court on Friday wearing a black-and-white jailhouse jumpsuit over orange coveralls and shackled hand and foot. Flanked by his court-appointed attorney, Brett Jaspers, he pleaded guilty to a pair of lesser charges, attempted third-degree robbery and fourth-degree assault. Both are misdemeanors.

Accepting the agreement worked out between Jaspers and Stringer, Judge Connell sentenced Appelt to a year's probation and a \$350 fine, plus attorney's fees and court costs. In addition, Appelt was ordered to undergo anger management counseling and to have no contact with either of the victims or Griffin. He was also sentenced to 15 days in jail but received credit for time served since his arrest 16 days earlier.

Griffin and Appelt initially were charged in connection with an assault on Matthew Edwards, 18, that allegedly took place Jan. 4 in Central Park. Those charges were dropped after Edwards withdrew his claim that the two attacked him because he is bisexual and Griffin recanted a confession of the crime.

In court on Friday, Stringer told Judge Connell that the district attorney's office had little choice but to accept the plea agreement, despite Griffin's testimony to the grand jury.

Stringer said Surdyka gave conflicting accounts of the assault against him and that the witnesses in the Leasure assault - who, like the victims, are homeless - could not be located.

On the other hand, he noted, the two misdemeanor convictions would remain on Appelt's record and would count against him if he committed any future assaults.

"If he engages in violent conduct again, it would be presumptive prison (time)," Stringer said.

Appelt's attorney called the plea bargain fair and said his client was unlikely to violate the terms of the agreement.

"I think the outcome is appropriate," Jaspers told the court. "Mr. Appelt's had a wakeup call."

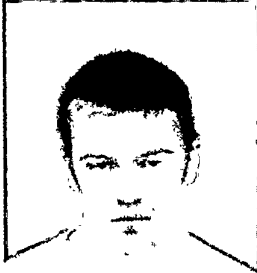
For his part, Appelt was impassive throughout the proceedings. Asked if he had anything to say, he told the judge he was undergoing drug and alcohol treatment and that he was working on "getting myself back on track."

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Juggalos arrested for beating the homeless

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Assault charges dropped against gang member:

It seems the mimes are acting up again. When they're not busy beating up 12-year-olds it seems that some members of Juggalo nation take to beating on the homeless. Stealing candy from babies will be next I'm sure.

Pictured is one Jonathan Appelt of Corvallis, Oregon. He was arrested for allegedly beating up a 55-year-old homeless man. And true to mime form he allegedly had a hatchet on him at the time. And by hatchet I'm sure it was the kitchen meat cleaver that Juggalos keep confusing with a hatchet.

What is also interesting about this story is that another Juggalo was arrested along with Appelt however charges have been dropped against him since he has agreed to testify at a grand jury. Did he roll on his fellow Juggalo? So much for 'the family'.

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'Juggalo Killers' a new breed of gang

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OGDEN — Since the alignment of certain Juggalo members with the Aryan Brothers Liberation, more violent crimes have occurred in the Ogden area, says Police Lt. Scott Conley.

Conley said certain members of the Juggalos — a group of followers of the rap duo Insane Clown Posse — have aligned themselves with the ABL, an extremely violent prison gang that originated in California.

Those Juggalos have taken a new moniker, calling themselves Juggalo Killers, and are sending threats to other Juggalos who haven't aligned with the gang.

"Those involved in the criminal side of (Juggalos) cause us some concern," said Conley, who heads the Ogden police gang unit.

"If they are not involved in criminal activity, they can do their own thing, as long as they haven't crossed that criminal element line.

"But when they start telling individuals they can't wear Juggalo attire, start removing it, committing robbery from a person — I have a problem with that."

Conley said a 19-year-old woman who identifies herself as a Juggalette was attacked last week by members of the Juggalo Killers.

He said the girl was riding her bicycle north on Washington Boulevard when two men in a black Honda stopped and attacked her, knocking her unconscious. She awoke in the 300 block of 10th Street, without her bike, and with cut marks on her wrist and the letters "JK" carved into her chest.

The two Juggalo Killers also took her cell phone, Conley said, and sent text messages to her contact list to brag about the kidnapping and scold other Juggalos for leaving her on the streets by herself.

Incidents like this are occurring more often, Conley said, which has led police to classify the music fans, who are often characterized as wearing face paint and images associated with ICP, such as the hatchet man and evil clowns, as a gang.

It is unknown how many Juggalos are in the Ogden area.

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Four charged in attack on UD student

Police seek fifth suspect in attempted robbery

By IRA PORTER • The News Journal • November 2, 2010

Four people have been charged in an assault on a University of Delaware student Sunday morning and a fifth suspect is being sought.

The assault, chase and attempted robbery began after the student crossed a pedestrian bridge from Laird campus, UD police said.

That's when Brian Sanders, 21, of Wilmington, got out of a Dodge Durango at North College Avenue and Ray Street and started hitting the student with his fists, officers said. Alexis Pennington, 23, of Astor, Pa., also was inside the Durango, police said.

Police said Sanders warned the student he was about to get robbed by the Juggalos, a reference to a hip-hop group.

As the student was being beaten by Sanders, he saw four others exiting the Durango, the report says. The student pushed Sanders away and ran toward Cleveland Avenue. Two men began chasing him and threatened to take his money, but they gave up their chase.

An officer investigating the incident saw the SUV fleeing Cleveland Avenue and got the license plate number. The information led officials to a Stanton trailer park, where Sanders and Pennington were apprehended. Police said they later learned Richard DeMoss, 22, of Newark, and Kelli John, 20, of Wilmington, were involved and arrested Monday. All were charged with attempted robbery and released. Sanders was also charged with assault.

Police said the group admitted to assaulting other students Saturday night. Anyone with information is asked to call 831-2222.

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Reports: Slain bookseller unknowingly bought stolen items from gang member with history of threats.

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SOUTH SALT LAKE — The fatal stabbing of bookseller Sherry Black was part of a particularly brutal attack, police said Wednesday as they continue to investigate her Nov. 30 death.

Authorities have completed an autopsy of Black, 64, the mother-in-law of Larry H. Miller Group CEO Greg Miller, said South Salt Lake police spokesman Gary Keller.

"She was physically beaten and stabbed more than once," Keller said. "Her wounds did cause a considerable amount of blood loss at the crime scene."

Black was killed in the shop she ran with her husband, B&W Billiards and Books, 3466 S. 700 East. Keller said police still have no motive and no suspects.

The Deseret News has learned about a transaction in which Black purchased rare, stolen LDS books from a Juggalo gang member with a history of making threats. The incident occurred in February of 2009.

Lorin Nielsen, 20, was arrested and charged with stealing books from the Bluffdale home of his father, who is a polygamous church president. Nielsen pleaded guilty in April 2009 to theft, a third-degree felony, and theft by deception, a second-degree felony. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Nielsen was booked into Salt Lake County Jail on Monday for a violation of his probation in the theft case. Detectives, however, would not say whether he is being investigated in connection with the homicide.

In March 2009, Nielsen's father told detectives he had noticed some rare LDS books missing from his home library, according to police reports. He reviewed security camera footage and saw his son removing the books on Feb. 20, when he had been at the home for a funeral. The home also functions as a church meeting place.

When the father showed the video to his son, Nielsen admitted taking the books and said he sold them at Black's B&W Billiards and Books store, police reports state. Nielsen warned his father "if he got police involved he will set off a chain of events he's not going to like because he is a member of a gang," the report states.

Police say the son was affiliated with an Insane Clown Posse, or Juggalos gang. The father was afraid of his son because of the gang association and his history of carrying weapons, the reports state.

The father's wife told detectives a man doing construction work at the house had seen Nielsen and his half-brother in and around the library. When the family searched Lorin Nielsen's car, he became upset and "threatened serious harm" to his father and the family, police reports said.

Black told police she paid Nielsen \$20,000 for 14 rare LDS books. Nielsen had apparently sold books to her before and had even bought back one or two, police reports state.

She sold one — a first-edition French Book of Mormon signed by John Taylor with a message to Parley P. Pratt — to Lyndon Cook, a Provo book dealer, for \$10,000. Cook told police he made a presentation box for the book and sold it to a wealthy, out-of-state buyer who often gives the books he purchases to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Sources confirmed to the Deseret News that the out-

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of-state buyer paid Cook between \$30,000 and \$35,000 for it.

An LDS Church archivist told police he had not seen the book.

The other books included a second-edition Book of Mormon, an 1884 Doctrine and Covenants, an 1857 compendium, a book called "History of Illinois" and eight volumes of The Millennial Star. Black estimated the collection was worth \$45,000. Detectives told her not to sell the books or she could face criminal charges.

Police talked to book dealer Curt Bench, an authority on Mormon books, who said Nielsen had tried to sell the books to him, but he was suspicious and refused. Bench confirmed the \$45,000 estimate to police.

About three weeks after the burglary, detectives caught up with Nielsen driving in Taylorsville. Police arrested him for burglary and cited a passenger who first claimed to be Nielsen.

Nielsen reportedly said to police, "This must be about my dad's books. I thought he wasn't going to call you guys. I thought I had it worked out with him." He refused to answer questions, except to admit he was a member of the Kearns Town ICP gang, and was booked into jail.

Scott Young, the owner of Eborn Books, was a friend of Black. He said she told him about the incident involving Nielsen and the stolen books.

"Once she got a list of things that were possibly stolen, she just quickly returned what was on the list," he said. "She was mortified that something like that would happen to her. None of us ever want a situation like that."

Young described Black as an honest businesswoman who worked hard to understand the industry and treated people fairly.

"She cared about people, she cared about the books," he said.

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Two transients plead guilty in fatal beating of mentally ill man

By Jennifer Sullivan
Seattle Times staff reporter

The trial of two transients accused of beating a mentally ill man to death in Seattle in 2008 came to a halt when both pleaded guilty to first-degree murder.

For their pleas, Steven Bauder and Marcus Dennis, each will face a standard-range sentence that tops out at just over 26 years in prison.

Prosecutors plan to ask for a 25-year sentence for both men; the defense lawyers say they will be seeking 20 years behind bars.

The two will likely be sentenced early next year.

Had the case been resolved by trial, the men could have faced up to life in prison because of sentencing enhancements that had been sought by the prosecution. The enhancements, known as aggravators, were dropped as part of the plea agreements, said Bauder's defense attorney Peter Geisness.

Relatives of victim Noel Lopez say the end to the nearly two-week trial brought relief and disappointment. The slain man's brother and sister said Thursday that the plea means that neither defendant will serve a life sentence.

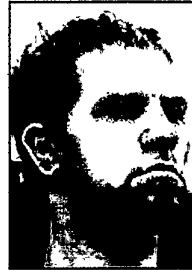
"In one way it's a relief to have it resolved quickly, but the frightening thing is that these guys will be on the streets again," said the slain man's sister, Lita Lopez, 35, of Los Angeles.

Before entering his guilty plea on Thursday, Bauder, 25, asked Superior Court Judge Catherine Shaffer if she was certain that Lopez was really dead. When the judge said yes, he agreed to enter the plea.

Bauder insists that the slaying was not premeditated, said Geisness.

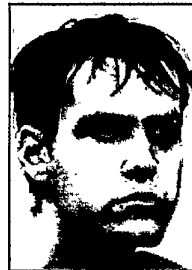
Dennis, 22, pleaded guilty on Monday. His lawyer, Julie Gaisford, said Thursday that her mentally ill client attacked Lopez because he believed the man had raped a homeless girl.

Seattle police say that Lopez, 25, was obsessed with the then-15-year-old girl but the two never had a sexual relationship.



Steven Bauder

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Lopez was killed at a construction site in the 1000 block of Fourth Avenue on April 14, 2008.

Prosecutors had earlier said they would try to have Bauder's sentence enhanced by claiming he committed the murder as a member of a street gang, the Downtown Juggalos. It would've marked the first time that the King County Prosecutor's Office has used the state's gang statute in a case involving a Juggalo, a nickname for fans of the Detroit-based heavy-metal/rap duo Insane Clown Posse.

Prosecutors said Dennis, whose nickname is "Smurf," was not a member of the Downtown Juggalos.

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2 men face murder trial in beating death of mentally ill, homeless man

By Jennifer Sullivan
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Jurors will hear testimony beginning this week in the trial of two homeless men accused of the killing of a mentally ill man at a Seattle construction site nearly two and a half years ago.

King County prosecutors allege that Noel Lopez, 25, was beaten to death by the defendants on April 14, 2008, because the homeless man had been flirting with a 15-year-old homeless girl. They also plan to present evidence showing that one of the defendants, Steven Bauder, an aspiring wrestler nicknamed "Enforcer," was angry with Lopez for challenging him to a wrestling match.

But it's what jurors won't hear that will make the murder trial unusual.

If Bauder, 25, is convicted, prosecutors will seek to have his sentence enhanced by claiming he committed the murder as a member of a street gang, the Downtown Juggalos.

It will mark the first time that the King County Prosecutor's Office has used the state's gang statute in a case involving a Juggalo, a nickname for fans of the Detroit-based heavy metal/rap duo Insane Clown Posse.

"To my knowledge, we have not charged a gang aggravator with respect to the Juggalos," said Ian Goodhew, deputy chief of staff for Prosecutor Dan Satterberg. "However, regardless of the group, if the crime is committed to maintain yourself or advance yourself in an organization then we have proven a gang aggravator. We believe we have the evidence to do so in this case."

Juggalos and Juggalettes — as female fans are called — are known for their devotion to the duo as well as their clownlike face paint, black clothing and affinity for the macabre. The band, through its website, touts a penchant for professional wrestling and what it calls the "Dark Carnival," a mythological community "in which souls await their ultimate destiny in heaven or hell."



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Steven Bauder, 25, is charged in the beating death of a mentally ill, homeless man.



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Marcus Dennis, 22, also is charged with first-degree murder in a homeless man's beating death in Seattle.

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While some fans have been blamed for violent acts, most fans as well as the Insane Clown Posse's two artists — Violent J and Shaggy 2 Dope — and their label, Psychopathic Records, have denounced violence.

Bauder, in an interview with police, said that he's a Juggalo. Police said he has a tattoo on his left forearm of a running man with a hatchet, the logo of the Insane Clown Posse's record label and a symbol among Juggalos.

But jurors will never hear about the Juggalos or Insane Clown Posse, though the details have long been part of the case in court filings and pretrial hearings. Instead, when Senior Deputy Prosecutor Cheryl Snow presents testimony to show that Bauder should face a stiffer sentence under the state's gang statute, it will only be presented during a bench trial before Superior Court Judge Catherine Shaffer.

Schaffer ruled to have the testimony about Juggalos and Insane Clown Posse withheld from the jury after defense attorneys claimed it would be sensational and threatened to overshadow other aspects of the cases.

Under state law, a criminal defendant can face a harsher sentence if a jury — or judge — agrees that the crime can be linked to a street gang. The law is frequently used in crimes involving members of street gangs affiliated with Bloods, Crips and others.

Co-defendant Marcus Dennis, 22, is not believed to be a Juggalo. He and Bauder are each charged with first-degree murder.

If jurors find one or both men guilty, a second trial will be convened for testimony on alleged aggravating factors that can lead to longer prison terms, prosecutors said.

Snow, outlining her trial strategy in a pretrial memo, wrote that she will be asking jurors to find the men guilty of several aggravating factors, including that they acted with "deliberate cruelty" and had an "egregious lack of remorse." Evidence about these aggravators will be presented to the jury, Snow said.

If convicted on the murder charge and the aggravating factors, the men face anywhere from 20 years to life in prison, Goodhew said.

According to court filings, Bauder had been living in Oregon before the attack but traveled to Seattle because several girls needed him to "straighten out" Lopez because the man had been flirting with the girl.

"We were trying to make a point, that you don't force yourself on someone and you don't treat people bad," Bauder told police, according to the charges. "We just wanted him to atone for his sins, but he took the coward's way out and died."

Bauder told police that on the day of the attack he and Lopez got into a wrestling match to determine who was the "King" of Freeway Park, court filings said. Freeway Park is a city-run park at 700 Seneca St.

After Bauder won the fight, he walked with Dennis and Lopez to the construction site in the 1000 block of Fourth Avenue, charges said. Once there, Bauder told police, Lopez "came at him." At some point Bauder picked the man up and slammed him to the ground, charging papers said.

Dennis, whose nickname is "Smurf," is accused of striking Lopez with wood boards and other items at the construction site.

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In pushing for the aggravating factors, prosecutors are expected to try to convince jurors of Lopez's vulnerability.

In the weeks before his death, Lopez's mental health was slipping, prosecutors said. He had been evicted from his downtown studio apartment, dropped out of the Art Institute of Seattle and was living among other homeless youth. He called his family in Texas to say that he had met a 15-year-old girl and wanted to "adopt her," according to court filings.

Lopez believed he was a superhero who could walk through walls and had special powers, authorities said. When police found his body he was wearing a Batman costume underneath his clothing, court filings said.

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Testimony begins in alleged construction site murder case

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By KEVIN OPSAHL, King County Courts Examiner

Lita Lopez, clutching a picture of brother Noel Richard Lopez in her hands, was the first to take the stand today in a trial for two men accused of beating him to death two years ago.

Steven Douglas Bauder, 22, of Federal Way, and Marcus David Dennis, 20, a transient from Crescent, Iowa, are on trial for allegedly killing the 25-year-old at a Seattle construction site on April 14, 2008 with two by fours and other items until he "stopped begging and screaming," prosecutors contend.

Lita held the upbeat portrait of Noel – who was tanned, with thick black hair – as members of Noel's family sat in the gallery; she told a jury, "he was so bright and articulate, one of the smartest people I've ever known ... (he was) constantly curious and loved learning. He made me feel good to be around."

Noel Lopez was a talented athlete and artist, family members said in testimony. He moved from Texas to attend the Art Institute of Seattle, but after moving into his own apartment, his mental state deteriorated, causing him to lose his job and drop out of school

When he was evicted from his apartment, Noel met Bauder and Dennis.

Eventually, Delano Lopez, one of Noel's six brothers, was asked by his mother to go to Seattle and "get him off the streets and into a mental institution."

Delano encountered two men who told him "they did not like (Noel) ... they were going to kick his ass," if they found him because he was trying to have sex with an underage homeless girl, they said. Delano told the men to leave Noel alone because he was mentally ill. He gave the men his cell phone number in hopes they would call him if Noel turned up.

Delano did find his brother at another Seattle park and he called for help. A county crisis management team refused to have him committed to a mental hospital. Delano then urged his brother to come home to Texas – Noel refused and returned to the streets.

"He said horrific people under the city would take care of him," Delano told a jury, dabbing tears with a

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tissue. "He said he was trying to adopt a girl and he asked if I could help. He was not in touch with reality."

Bauder and Dennis have pleaded not guilty to premeditated murder in the first degree, but Senior Deputy Prosecutor Cheryl Snow has added some aggravated factors.

Snow, however, will seek to have Bauder's sentence enhanced if he is convicted of the crime because he told police he was a member of the Downtown Juggalos – a street gang that is a follower of the rap group Insane Clown Posse (police noticed a tattoo of a running hatchet man, the rap duo's blood-soaked symbol, on Bauder's arm).

Washington state law allows defendants to face harsher sentences if a judge or jury finds that their criminal activity is linked to gang activity, according to prosecutors.

Jurors will not hear about Bauder as a Juggalo. Co-defendant Dennis is not a Juggalo.

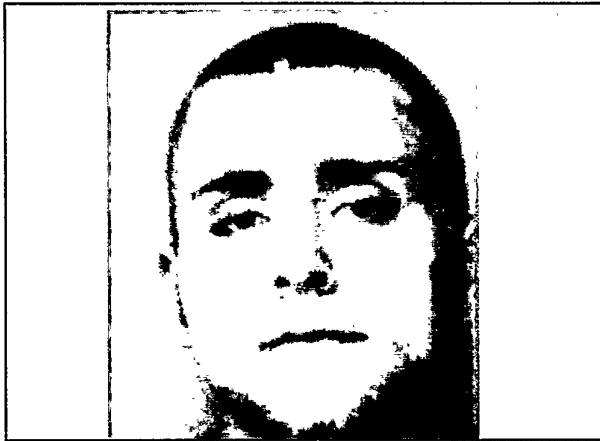
Bauder's attorney, Peter Geisness, declined to make an opening statement today.

The trial is expected to last up to seven weeks and will resume the week after next.

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Attempted murder charges for 3 accused of throwing man off bridge



Credit: Clark County

Shawn Rogers

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VANCOUVER, Wash. -- Deputies in Clark County identified three gang members as attempted murder suspects for stabbing a fellow member and throwing him off of a bridge last weekend.

Joshua Smith was able to crawl out of the creek near Moulton Falls and get help from a passing driver early Sunday morning after deputies said he was hit on the head with beer bottles, stabbed and thrown over the bridge.

It was all part of a gang "enforcement action" by two members of the Juggalos and a
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skinhead gang member, deputies said.

Investigators said Smith had numerous cuts and stab wounds, a punctured lung, and multiple bruises and that he had been "left for dead." Smith told deputies he himself was a Juggalo and the beating was retaliation for breaking gang rules.

Smith was eventually taken to a local hospital where he was recovering.

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Police arrested 19-year-old Jeremiah Dee Anderson for attempted murder and violating a warrant on a child rape charge. Michael JL Harvey, 24, was also arrested for attempted murder.

Shawn Rogers, 18, was still on the loose.

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Some Police Consider "Insane Clown Posse" Fans As A Violent Threat

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By Lori Fullbright, The News On 6

BROKEN ARROW, OK -- Broken Arrow Police are investigating an assault against a 15-year-old girl they believe has a connection to the Insane Clown Posse. The Posse is a Detroit-based rap group known for its violent lyrics.

However, violence done in name of this band has become such a big problem that many police departments now classify the band's followers as a gang.

The Insane Clown Posse are men in their 30's dressed up in clown makeup who sing about rape, murder and stabbings.

Some people argue the group and its loyal followers are harmless, that the music is a way to let off steam, but some police disagree and so does a Broken Arrow father.

"It's not normal for a kid to have a person in their life one day and kicking their door down and beating them up the next day," said Bobby, a concerned father.

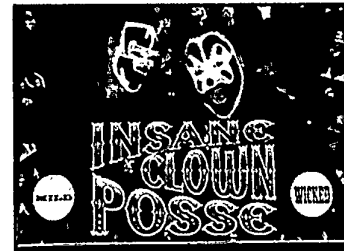
Bobby says that's what happened to his 15-year-old daughter by so-called friends October 23rd. Police arrested two 16-year-old girls for the attack.

Bobby didn't know anything about the Insane Clown Posse until he learned his daughter and those friends considered themselves, juggalettes, female followers of the group. Male followers are juggalos.

Bobby says his daughter didn't realize what the group was really about. Police compare her beating to a throw down similar to a gang initiation.

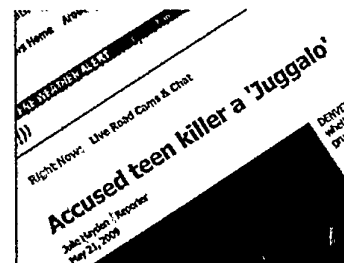
"What parents need to know, this is not just a band, this is a cult, this is a gang," said Bobby.

Bobby, who is a licensed private eye, did some research and found article after article of juggalos



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The Insane Clown Posse is a Detroit-based rap group known for its violent lyrics.



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The group's male followers are known as juggalos and female fans as juggalettes.



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Some police departments consider the band's followers as gang members because they have been charged with so many crimes.

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charged with stabbings, murders and shootings.

He understands lyrics are protected by free speech, but he believes this group actually recruits teenagers to commit crimes.

"I'm not a law enforcement officer, so I don't know exactly where you can draw the line between free speech and terrorism," said Bobby.

Bobby says the band's website promises as much violence at their concerts as music and they proclaim to be just as proficient swinging an ax during a real murder as they are playing their videogame that imitates murders.

"I just need to stress to parents they must be vigilant about knowing what's on their teenager's iPod, cell phone, laptop, PC, whatever," said Bobby.

Broken Arrow, Sapulpa and Bixby police all report crimes involving juggalos. Bixby has had so many, they do consider juggalos a gang, although Tulsa's gang unit does not right now.

The News On 6 has talked with devoted juggalos who are law-abiding citizens, who say a few bad apples give the rest of them a bad name. One said the music is only entertainment, "like a horror movie put to music."

They think it's ridiculous juggalos are considered a gang and says the band does not promote violence, but, is actually against it.

The group's label, Psychopathic Records, denounces violent acts performed by people claiming to be juggalos.

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Bobby, whose 15-year-old daughter was allegedly attacked by two 16-year-old "juggalettes," says he has found many instances of violence committed by the group's fans.

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Juggalos arrested in Mesa school theft

By Gary Grado
Tribune



From left: Raymond J. Steele, 20; Levi Blanton, 18; and Russell Westergard, 22.



Sequoia Secondary School Principal Ryan LoMonaco looks over the damage to a sixth-grade classroom after members of a street gang known as the Juggalos vandalized and robbed several areas of the charter school campus. July 17, 2009.

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Three young men with ties to a street gang that dresses like clowns vandalized and ripped off a Mesa school four times in eight days, according to Mesa police.

A court document states that Raymond J. Steele, 20, Levi Blanton, 18, and Russell Westergard, 22,

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admitted to the break-ins at Sequoia Secondary School, 1460 S. Horne.

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The trio also admitted to being Juggalos, a criminal street gang that fashions itself after the underground rap band Insane Clown Posse, according to the court document.

Mesa police confronted the men and arrested them Wednesday.

"They got more and more daring," said Principal Ryan LoMonaco.

The first burglary occurred June 25.

Windows were broken, doors were kicked in and paint was thrown over computers, furniture, the floors and walls.

The men also left their monikers and curse words in graffiti.

The next night, money and three projectors were stolen, computer monitors were broken, desks were ransacked and "more Juggalo specific graffiti, was committed," including "woop woop," a phrase they use for calling each other, the document states.

On July 1, 22 windows that had been replaced after the first break-ins were smashed again, glue was spread on the carpet, musical instruments broken and a new 42-inch flat-screen television, which was still in the box, was stolen.

The trio went on campus to commit another break-in July 2, but left when they were spooked for some unknown reason.

LoMonaco said the school hired a security team and has put some measures in place to make it more difficult to break in.

In all, more than \$55,000 damage was incurred, but that figure could rise as teachers return for the year and size up the damage.

Some teachers were personally hit. LoMonaco said one teacher brought her own TV to class and the vandals simply smashed the screen.

In one classroom, it appeared as if someone stood in the middle and spun around in a circle while squeezing a paint bottle.

According to a 2008 Tribune story, police are split on whether the Juggalos are truly a gang. Some investigators believe that while most Juggalos aren't gangsters, there are a few emerging sects that meet the criteria for a criminal street gang.


Whether they are simply a subculture or a gang, they follow the Insane Clown Posse, a group that got its start in Detroit.

Juggalos are known to wear clown makeup like the band and identify themselves by the hatchet man logo.

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They also are known to carry hatchets and knives as weapons and drink Faygo, a cheap soda popular in Michigan.



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Insane Clown Posse defendants in Modesto called gang members

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People who call themselves Juggalos are not gang members simply because they embrace an anarchist philosophy touted by underground band Insane Clown Posse, according to an expert who testified today in Stanislaus County Superior Court.

But four defendants suspected of assaulting a man last month in Graceada Park are gang members, the expert said, because they travel in a pack, have clothes or tattoos with a cartoon hatchetman taken from their favorite band's logo and picked a fight when one of their own felt disrespected.

"A Juggalo gang member is someone that participates in criminal activities," said Marissa Castilone, a crime analyst for the Modesto police who is assigned to the Central Valley Gang Impact Task Force. "Not all Juggalos are street gang members."



During the third day of a preliminary hearing, a prosecutor told the court that investigators have identified five local gangs associated with a nationwide Juggalo movement: Modesto Family Klowns, Psychopathic Criminal Klowns, Juggalo Rider Bitch, Down 2 Party and Nothing 2 Lose.

The gang expert could not place defendants Brandon Ferrell, 18, Joshua Huggins, 17, Kurt Petersen, 22, and Larry Williams, 20, in any of the five gangs.

But Castilone said the men's unprovoked assault on Modesto resident William August FBI-42

Kurt Petersen

- allegedly initiated by Petersen - can only be understood in the gang context.

"It proves that he is, in their words, down with the clown," Castilone said.

August, 53, was in the park at about 9 p.m. on March 7, strolling and taking some family photos with his girlfriend and his daughters, ages 17 and 11.

According to witnesses who testified last week, Petersen sprang upon the family, asked to shake the girls' hands and received a stern rebuff from August. About 10 minutes later, Petersen returned with four friends who pushed August to the ground and kicked August four or five times each.

Other Juggalos in the park pulled the defendants off August, whose leg was broken in two places. Police detained 15-20 young people, then arrested Ferrell, Huggins, Petersen and Williams.

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Another man who reportedly participated in the attack on August was not arrested. Huggins, a minor, is being tried as an adult.

Ferrell, Huggins, Petersen and Williams had been held in lieu of \$70,000 bail, but they were released on their own recognizance last week because the defendants invoked their right to a speedy trial and a prosecutor's prior commitment made it impossible to continue the hearing without a break in the proceedings.

Judge Dawna Frenchie Reeves must decide if the defendants should be held for trial on an assault charge, and whether they should also face enhancements for causing great bodily injury and committing a crime for the benefit of a criminal street gang.

The judge's decision is expected at the close of the hearing, which will resume Wednesday.

Castilone said local law enforcement officers had their first contact with Juggalos in 2005 and in the past year have noticed a growing number of young people who favor punk-rock clothing and paint their faces with crazy clown makeup.

The authorities have documented 38 Juggalos as gang members, including four who in juvenile court have been found guilty of assault, burglary and carjacking.

Some of them had indirect links to the defendants, and some of the defendants have posted photos of themselves throwing hand signs for WC - "wicked clown" on social networking Web sites.

For Castilone, the assault on August plus the gang indicia are enough to show that Ferrell, Huggins, Petersen and Williams are more than fans of a band that sings about hacking people to bits with hatchets.

"Juggalos became more than just ICP or fans of the music once they started committing their criminal activities," Castilone said.

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Local police turn a wary eye to controversial band's followers

Insane Clown Posse fans have been classified as a gang in Monroe County. Group will play in Allentown on Dec. 5.

By Matt Birkbeck and Manuel Gamiz Jr.

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Police throughout the country are becoming increasingly familiar with the violent lyrics of rap metal duo Insane Clown Posse, which is booked to play at an Allentown club in December.

In Monroe County, where authorities have identified up to 1,000 fans, the district attorney's office has joined police in Arizona and Utah in listing band followers as a gang. And the Wisconsin Justice Department has labeled the band a security threat.

The controversy surrounding Insane Clown Posse, a Detroit duo, hit Schuylkill County last week when four band followers were charged with killing a friend and follower who may have broken an ICP code.

Police said Anthony Locascio, 21, of Hazleton, was lured into the woods and struck with metal baseball bats 60 to 80 times for ratting on a fellow follower of a hip-hop group that police would not identify. A source close to the investigation said all five were devoted fans of Insane Clown Posse.

Locascio's killing is eerily similar to lyrics in "Imma Kill U," a recently released ICP song:

First, I smack your head with a bat

The bloody splat, crack with impact

While most fans simply listen to the music, which speaks of murder, rape and other violent acts, Monroe County Detective Emmanuel Varkanis said followers -- known as Juggalos and Juggalettes after an ICP song -- have been arrested there for burglary, assault, and homicide.

The increased criminal activity led Monroe to be the first county in Pennsylvania to validate the Juggalos as a gang, putting them in the same category as the Bloods and Crips.

The band, whose two members wear black-and-white clownish makeup and go by the aliases Violent J

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and Shaggy 2 Dope, could not be reached for comment. A call and e-mail placed to one of its promoters was not returned.

Schuylkill County District Attorney James Goodman said until last week's arrests, the county had not seen a link between Juggalos and crime.

"I've heard of the group, but we've never had any problems with anyone associated with this group," Goodman said Friday.

The four charged there with homicide, conspiracy and aggravated assault are: Jeffrey A. Gombert, 19, and Curtis T. Foose, 25, both of Hazleton; Andrew A Tutko II, 19, of McAdoo, and Shane D. Roof, 20, formerly of Palmerton.

Two of the four, Gombert and Foose, and Locascio referred on their MySpace pages to ICP.

According to the arrest affidavit, the four men told state police they killed Locascio because he reported to Hazleton police that he and an accomplice vandalized a vehicle. The incident led to a feud between Locascio and his friends.

In Monroe, Varkanis has studied the Juggalos since they first appeared in the county two years ago. He said they are mostly white and range in age from 10 to 35. Juggalos have their own dress code and speak their own language, he said.

In March, two Monroe followers are alleged to have lured Michael S. Goucher, 21, of Stroudsburg into the woods and then stabbed him 45-50 times with knives and meat cleavers.

After police arrested Ian Seagraves, 17, and Sean Freemore, 18, they said they found postings on their MySpace pages expressing their devotion to ICP. Seagraves has a tattoo of the group's symbol, a man running with a hatchet, police said.

Seagraves and Freemore are scheduled for trial next year.

"They did it for the thrill," said Monroe County District Attorney E. David Christine. "They wanted to kill to see how it would be like, so they decided to kill."

The increased criminal activity among Juggalos led Monroe County to officially label the group a gang.

Arizona and Utah also have classified the Juggalos as a gang because of incidents there, including several murders and assaults. The gang validation allows law enforcement to file additional, aggravating charges which carry stiffer penalties, Varkanis said.

Such labels have puzzled some devotees, who consider band followers a family and the music a religion. In Wisconsin, a group of young followers showed up at a police-led gang awareness meeting in Oshkosh to ask why the state's justice department had labeled them a security risk. They asked for advice on cleaning up their image, according to the Web site northwestern.com.

Since recording its first CD in 1992, ICP has earned two platinum and three gold albums. The group has gained a widespread following with elaborate live performances, many in small cities and town, featuring a style of heavy metal hip hop known as horrorcore. But reports of fans acting as thugs -- including a case in Tacoma, Wash., where a teenage girl and her ICP-devoted friends allegedly tied up, beat and robbed her grandmother -- has spurred some to defend the group.

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"Juggalos are basically outcasts from all walks of life who were brought together and united by the group Insane Clown Posse, and created a world amongst themselves free of hate, prejudice, racism, sexism, and celebrated the differences that drive many in mainstream America apart from each other," reads an entry on the ICP fan Web site, westernpajuggalos.com.

ICP is scheduled to appear at Crocodile Rock in Allentown on Dec. 5. Crocodile Rock owner Joe Clark said Friday he is confident the concert will go off without incident, but he plans to look into news report on the band and will address any security issues.

"I don't need any problems," he said.

Clark said he knows of no history of problems with ICP. He said the concert was booked through one of the top entertainment agencies, William Morris Endeavor Entertainment (formerly William Morris Agency).

In Allentown, Assistant Chief Ronald Manescu said he's heard of the Insane Clown Posse and its devoted followers, but "we've never had any problems and we hope not to." Told of the band's upcoming performance at Crocodile Rock, he said facetiously, "Oh great!"

Allentown police normally requires Clark to beef up security and hire off-duty Allentown officers for certain big shows, Manescu said.

"He's bringing them to this club knowing their history," he said. "He should have to pay for it, not the taxpayer."

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Pocono teens charged in murder part of Juggalo gang known for violent rap

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Between the clown face paint and the goofy name, Juggalos aren't always taken seriously. But the Monroe County Gang Task Force considers some Juggalos a dangerous and growing gang.

Juggalos are everywhere, authorities said, but they have been especially prevalent around Cresco, Canadensis and Kunkletown.

* "The Monroe County Gang Task Force has definitely seen an increase in crime from this group, which includes theft, vandalism (graffiti), assaults and now homicide," Detective Emmanuel Varkanis, of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office and the gang task force, wrote in response to questions from the Pocono Record.

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The two accused killers in the Michael Goucher case, Ian Seagraves and Shawn Freemore, identify themselves as Juggalos on their MySpace pages, which were removed Wednesday afternoon.

"We recently validated over two dozen Juggalo members into our database who have been arrested by local departments. The task force has been looking into this group for quite some time, but only recently have we seen the group explode in numbers in the county," Varkanis wrote.

Just what is a Juggalo? They are a subculture made up of several subsets. Some are gang members, others are not. It is difficult to tell the difference at a glance. One thing they all have in common is an intense appreciation for the violent music of the rap group Insane Clown Posse, or ICP.

For many, music is the only connection. Others live a Juggalo lifestyle and consider ICP's music a religion. Juggalos consider themselves a family, not a gang.

They identify themselves with distinct clothing, often dark and depicting clowns or the gang mascot, the Hatchetman, a dreadlocked character running with a hatchet. Homicide suspect Shawn Freemore was arrested wearing an ICP T-shirt. Juggalos often get ICP-related tattoos.

Some carry knives and hatchets, similar to the cleaver found near Goucher's body.

Juggalos have a distinct language, much of which is a mixture of teen slang and ICP lyrics. Females are called Juggletts.

"Most of the local police departments are familiar with the Juggalos and have approached members in the same manner they would approach any other street gang, cautiously," Varkanis wrote.

"The local departments have been collecting gang paraphernalia, taking pictures of members and their activities, which are then forwarded to the appropriate members of the gang task force and stored in a database. We are collecting as much information about this group as we can, not only to educate our officers, but to learn how to deal with this particular group when we encounter them."

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When asked to estimate how many Juggalos are in Monroe County, Varkanis said, "Plenty. There are kids and adults who listen to the music for entertainment only. And then there are the ones who actually believe that there is a "real message" in the vulgar and violent lyrics in these songs. Some of the members are acting out violently, by damaging property and assaulting innocent people.

"It's sad that some people cannot distinguish what's real and what is fantasy, which basically ruins it for the rest," Varkanis wrote.

At juggalofaith.com, ICP lyrics are explained as a gateway to God for outcast kids who would not consider going to church. ICP's collection of albums makes up the "dark carnival": songs that are supposed to be interpreted as what not to do. In the end, people who do the right thing will end up in Shangri-La, Juggalo heaven. Unfortunately not everyone hears the same message.

Seagraves, Freemore and the Juggalo supporters connected to them through MySpace showed a fascination with ICP's violent lyrics and a fierce loyalty to each other. Instead of showing remorse over the death of Goucher, Juggalo friends posted words of encouragement on the accused killer's site until the site was shut down Wednesday.

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Two followers of the rap-group "Insane Clown Posse" are in police custody after they allegedly attempted to kidnap a 5-year-old boy. Police say the suspects call themselves "Juggalos."

The attempted kidnapping happened in West Valley City on Saturday near 4100 South and 1500 West. The two suspects had their faces painted like clowns.

This is just the latest incident by a group many police are calling a gang. The music of the Insane Clown Posse may come across as angry and violent, but some followers of the group, known as "Juggalos," insist they're not criminals.



James Day, a Juggalo, said, "I think the kids that are doing that are misinterpreting the music." Another person we spoke with said, "This is not a gang, this is a family."

But 5-year-old Mauricio Gonzales and his 8-year-old sister Socorro may have a different opinion. Socorro said, "He was screaming and saying that the strangers were grabbing his hand."

West Valley City police say two Juggalos, 18-year-old Blue Wynn and a 15-year-old boy, tried to kidnap

Mauricio by forcing him into a car. Socorro and neighbors went for help. Neighbor Henry Surowiec said, "She explained to us that a couple of guys wearing clown masks were running around grabbing kids and telling them to go with them."

According to West Valley City Police Department, there are 3,000 to 4,000 Juggalos in Utah. Of those, about 15

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percent are considered to be gang members.

Capt. Tom McLachlan, with the West Valley Police Department, said, "Not all Juggalos are involved in criminal activity, but there seems to be certain groups of them that do frequently become involved."

In July, two people police believed to be Juggalos used a battle-ax to stab a 17-year-old boy about a dozen times. Investigators said Cody Augustine and Scott Stapley used text messages to lure 17-year-old Justin Ennis out of his home. Once in the driveway, Stapley allegedly hit Ennis with the battle-ax, and Augustine reportedly stabbed Ennis up to a dozen times. Police found those suspects because the victim ripped a necklace off one of them. It had the symbol of the Juggalos.

Incidents like these have given the Juggalos a bad name in the eyes of the law. Recently Grantsville police have also had trouble with Juggalos vandalizing churches in the area.



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People who know the two suspects said they believed the teenagers were joking, but according to police that does not matter. "We have to take their statements and actions at face value," McLachlan said. "We will charge them with it."

Because the boy was with the two suspects for a short period of time, Wynn will be charged with kidnapping. The 15-year-old was turned over to the juvenile system.

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Four arrested share interest in musical group with victim

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The four men arrested in the beating death of 21-year-old Anthony Locascio of Hazleton apparently had something in common with the victim: allegiance to the hard-core hip-hop group Insane Clown Posse.

Investigators indicated that the men arrested - Curtis T. Foose, 25, Jeffrey A. Gombert, 19, and Andrew T. Tutko II, 19, all of Hazleton, and Shane D. Roof, 21, of Palmerton - were devoted followers of a music group, but did not identify the group's name.

Two of the men's MySpace Internet pages, however, link them to Insane Clown Posse, which has gained notoriety for its members' clown-like face paint and sometimes violent lyrics.

A MySpace photograph of Roof, who used the moniker \$Roofie\$, shows him in white face paint with a black smile around his mouth and the same black paint around and slashes across his eyes. Roof blocked public viewing of the content of his page.

On Gombert's MySpace page, he references "the Juggalo Family." Male followers of Insane Clown Posse, or ICP, are known as "Juggalos," while females are called "Juggalettes."

Earlier this year, two teens who identified themselves as Juggalos were charged with fatally stabbing a 21-year-old East Stroudsburg man in Price Township, Monroe County.

A detective from the Monroe County district attorney's office told the Pocono Record newspaper that the county has seen an increase in crime from Juggalos, including theft, graffiti and assaults, in addition to the murder.

Gombert, who goes by the nickname SmokeStack, lists the Juggalo Family and "the Govnors of Death" in a single blog entry on Nov. 28, 2008, on the page.

Gombert's MySpace page lists Derek Kichline, whose murder was the tipping point for the passage of Hazleton's controversial Illegal Immigration Relief Act, as his "biggest hero."

Kichline was gunned down in front of the East Chestnut Street home he shared with his girlfriend, Tammy Gombert, and her three children in May 2006. Jeffrey Gombert would have been about 16 when the murder occurred.

"Everything that he lived for has left an impression on my heart," Gombert wrote.

Two illegal immigrants were arrested for Kichline's murder, to which Hazleton Mayor Lou Barletta often referred when defending the passage of the act.

Locascio, who was bludgeoned to death in a wooded area in Brandonville on Tuesday, was also a follower of Insane Clown Posse. Police said Roof, Gombert, Tutko and Foose beat Locascio with metal baseball bats in retribution for "ratting" on a fellow follower.

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The four men remain in Schuylkill County Prison without bail on charges of criminal homicide, conspiracy and assault.

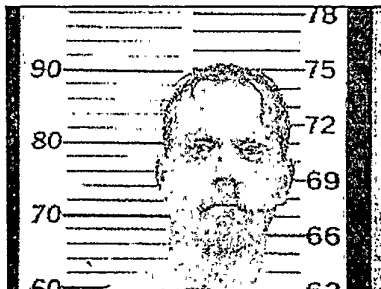
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Dewey W. Dixon

Dewey W. Dixon, who is apparently down with the clown, will be serving a mandatory 15-year prison sentence for shooting up an apartment with a Mac-10 semiautomatic machine gun in September 2008.

The 32-year-old from Shawnee Mission was sentenced Thursday for two counts of unlawful use of a weapon, property damage and marijuana possession.

A news release issued by the Platte County prosecutor's office says Dixon claimed to be a member of the Juggalo Rydas, which police say is a street gang. Juggalo is the name given to followers of the hip-hop duo the Insane Clown Posse. And the gang name Juggalo Rydas Bitch was referenced on a song by Anybody Killa featuring ICP called "Gang Related."

"This man, like many members of the Juggalos, claimed at his guilty plea that Juggalo Rydas is merely a fan club for Insane Clown Posse," Platte County Prosecutor Eric Zahnd tells *The Pitch*. "This case however, has all the hallmarks of criminal street gang activity: a drive by shooting in response to a perceived slight and a graffiti tagging of the intended victims' apartment."

Dixon was retaliating for a slight against a woman by two men, Zahnd said. But Dixon fired the machine gun at the wrong apartment.

Deputies found brass knuckles and a blackjack on Dixon at the time of his arrest. He also had weed and a homemade pipe with pot residue in it.

A release issued by the Platte County Prosecutor's Office says Dixon that the bond between the members of Juggalo Ryders is "like family." Dixon admitted shooting into the wrong apartment after "tagging" the door with the words "Juggalo Rydas."

"We know that there is some gang activity in Platte County," Zahnd says. "It is however not an overwhelming problem and our goal is to keep it that way."

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Two men arrested after ax attack on teen

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Two men were arrested Tuesday by Salt Lake County sheriff's deputies after investigators say they attacked a teenager with a medieval battle ax.

The key to catching the men was their apparent affiliation with Juggalos.

The men, both 21, were booked into the Salt Lake County Jail for investigation of aggravated assault. The two were at the home of a 17-year-old Kearns boy at about 4:30 a.m.

One of the men was jealous of the victim text messaging a girl, according to jail documents. He also believed he contracted a sexually transmitted disease from the girl, which she in turn got from the victim, jail documents state.

During the altercation with the victim, that man stabbed the teen with a knife and the other man struck him with a medieval battle ax type of weapon in the back of his neck, said Salt Lake County Sheriff's Lt. Paul Jaroscak. Doctors needed about 300 stitches to close the wound, he said. He was last listed in critical condition at a local hospital.

"The detective investigating the case said the ax could have very well have decapitated him," Jaroscak said.

The weapon used has also been described as a four-sided "warrior's ax," according to the sheriff's office.

Deputies responding to the scene happened to spot a piece of jewelry that was dropped by the attackers, which the deputy identified as being associated with Juggalos.

Juggalos are fans of the rap group Insane Clown Posse, known for their violent lyrics. During a recent Utah Gang Conference, however, law enforcers said they now classified Juggalos as a gang because of a continued pattern of criminal activity. Gang detectives estimated there are 3,000 to 4,000 Juggalos in Utah, with about 70 percent of them being people who just like the music.

But the other percentage of self-proclaimed Juggalos overshadow the law-abiding fans with their consistent criminal behavior, according to police.

After finding the piece of jewelry, deputies also noticed a vehicle driving past the crime scene with a Juggalo sticker in the window, according to the jail report. Deputies stopped the car with one attacker inside who confessed to his role in the crime, the report stated.

The other attacker's wallet was also found in the vehicle, police said. He was later arrested by West Jordan police.

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- A man suspected of being a member of a gang of four arsonists responsible for a series of fires in the Elk Grove and Sacramento areas appeared in court on Tuesday.

David Holloman, 19, and three juveniles are facing felony charges in connection with the fires.

Investigators said the four were known as the Juggalo Gang.

The group is suspected of intentionally setting more than a dozen fires in Elk Grove and Sacramento County since last year.

"They were an organized group that was intentionally lighting fires and destroying property. Any of those fires could have harmed firefighters or the public," Sacramento Metro Fire Capt. Jeff Lynch said.

Investigators the group would ride light rail to an old Howard Johnson's hotel on Bradshaw Road in Rancho Cordova -- a spot they called "Hotel Hell."

The group is suspected of setting two fires at the site.

KCRA 3 has learned that investigators will be filing additional criminal charges against the foursome, including burglary, vandalism and conspiracy.

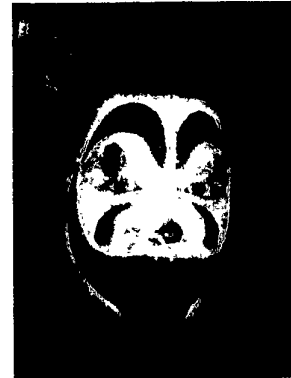
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In February 2006, in a well-publicized case, Jacob Robida, a.k.a. "Jake Jeckyll," a self-professed Juggalo acted on the homophobic lyrics of the ICP and attacked three people in a bar in Massachusetts with a hatchet while shooting at them. The victims survived, which can possibly be attributed to the fact Jeckyll used an actual hatchet instead of a meat cleaver as illustrated by Psychopathic Record's 'Hatchet Man' logo. Jeckyll then went on a rampage in which he killed a police officer and another person in Arkansas before killing himself. (1)



Robida, who had a swastika tattoo on his hand, also called himself a white supremacist and bragged of his affinity for hatchets and his fascination with the neo-Nazi movement, according to entries on his Web site. In one Web entry, Robida said he was interested in "death, destruction and chaos." (2)

In July of 2008, Travis Phillips and Chad Hughes severely beat a known homosexual inmate in a federal prison in Kentucky. The two inmates assaulted the victim by repeatedly kicking him about his head, facial area, and upper torso. The victim was beaten because he sat at a table in the dining hall which is frequented by white supremacist, gang-related inmates. Staff transporting the victim believed the beating to be so severe that he would not survive. Hughes is a known gang member and Phillips is an admitted Juggalo with a "hatchet-man" tattoo and "ICP" tattoos. Both had white-supremacist tattoos as well. (3)

In April of 2009, CIU Detectives and Modesto PD Investigators debriefed an admitted Juggalo gang member who is currently on Active Parole. The parolee detailed the criminal activity of his cell or "family" of Juggalo gang members. Their crimes include vandalism, assault, burglary, robbery, arson, and marijuana and ecstasy dealing. One of the important items of interest gleaned from this interview was the fact that there are two active but very different factions of the Juggalos: The music fans (Insane Clown Posse and other bands on the Psychopathic Records label such as Twisted, Kottonmouth Kings, Dark Lotus, and Murder Axe Boys) and the criminal street gang.

The true difficulty for law enforcement officers is telling one from the other. The de-briefed Parolee said he believes about one third of all Juggalos in Sacramento are "down Juggalos", i.e. involved in criminal activity. Information is that the criminal Juggalos operate in cells or "families", usually 5-10 people in each cell. Each cell has their own name and shot caller. Most down Juggalos are anarchist and hate all things establishment. "Down" Juggalos look down upon the music fan Juggalos. They think

of them as posers and call them "Jeffahoes." (4)

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Fans or gang? Meet the Juggalos

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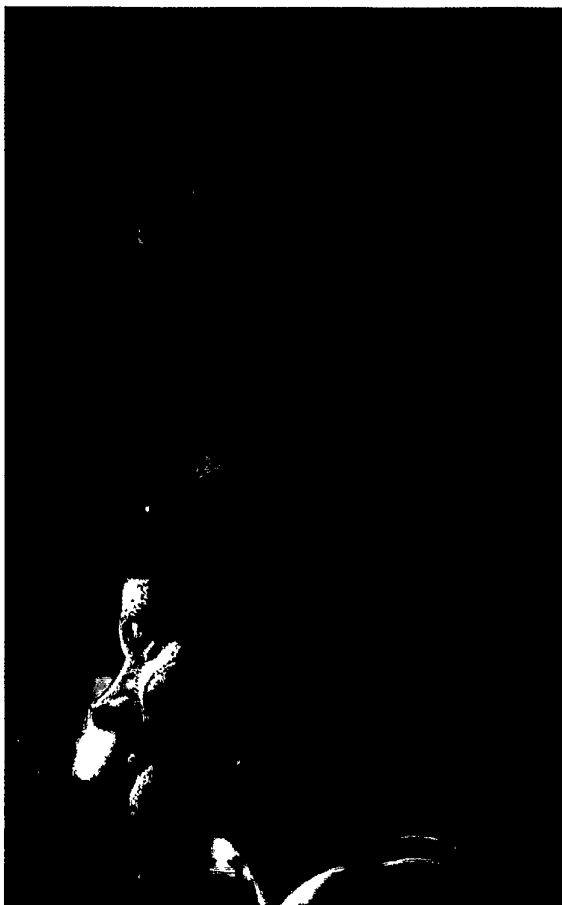
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Derek Sprunk feels a special kinship when he paints black and white clown makeup into a wicked smile on his face.

"When you wear makeup, that unifies everybody," the 19-year-old Mesa man said.



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Sprunk is part of a subculture in the East Valley and throughout the country that's united over love for the music of the underground rap band Insane Clown Posse and a sweet soda called Faygo.

But to some police investigators, the group - which calls itself Juggalos - is a gang.

Last month, a group of statewide gang investigators met to discuss the Juggalos in an effort to classify the subculture. They decided that while most Juggalos aren't considered gang members, a few emerging sects meet the statewide criteria for a criminal street gang.

"We're extremely divided," said Arizona Department of Public Safety gang expert Detective Michelle Vasey. "I've kind of made these guys my passion over the past year-and-a-half. You've got 90 percent of them that are true fans ... but what we've found ... is small groups of gangs breaking off and calling themselves some kind of gang sect."

Scottsdale police gang officers also met earlier this month with the city's school resource officers to educate them about Juggalos and how to identify them.

"I think the Juggalos have a pretty overt style with the face paint and the hatchetman," said Scottsdale police Sgt. Aaron Minor. The hatchetman is cartoon drawing of a little man running with a hatchet that serves as a logo of sorts for the Juggalos.

"These things are a lot different than some other groups out there," Minor said.

Insane Clown Posse is an underground rap group that got its start in Detroit in the early 1990s. Band members were poor and grew up drinking a cheap soda popular in the Michigan area called Faygo. Even now, at concerts, the band often sprays Diet Faygo into the crowd.

There's an annual event called The Gathering of the Juggalos that fans liken to a Woodstock-type event.

Many gang officers say violent undertones permeate the music - produced by the Psychopathic Record label - which the subculture follows.

"The lyrics are often violent and sexual in nature," said a handout on Insane Clown Posse from Mesa police.

Juggalos also identify themselves by the hatchetman logo and are known to carry hatchets and knives as weapons.

"I had a kid once try to tell me it's a Christian band and his parents were all for it," said Chandler police school resource officer Kevin Quinn. "I had a little chat with the parents and showed them the lyrics."

But those who follow the music and the lifestyle say the songs speak to them. They believe in the messages contained in the Six Joker Cards, otherwise known as the six albums released by the band from 1991 to 2004.

"If you listen to the music. ...it's so much 'Society has done me wrong (and) the world should pay for it.'" Vasey said. "We may not have anything here, but together we will."

Juggalos and their female counterparts, called Juggalettes, were thrust into the spotlight in June when one of them was shot to death in west Mesa during a marijuana deal gone bad. Since then, many East Valley Juggalos have been fearing for their safety from people involved in the killing.

"If I walk around I have to walk around and worry about them hurting me," said 19-year-old Mesa Juggalo Jordan McCloe.

A Mesa gang detective who asked that his name not be used because he sometimes receives death threats from gang members said the Juggalos aren't being targeted by any groups right now. He and his fellow gang investigators don't consider all Juggalos to be gang members, but said they have documented 34 people in the city who meet the criteria of a criminal street gang.

According to Arizona law, a criminal street gang is an association of people who commit or help in the commission of felony crimes and has at least one person who is a gang member. A gang member is defined as someone to whom two of the seven following criteria apply:

They declare themselves to be a gang member

They're documented as a gang member through witness testimony or official statement:

- They're documented through written or electronic correspondence
- They possess paraphernalia or photographs affiliated with a gang
- They have gang tattoos
- They wear gang clothing or display gang colors
- Anything else that would indicate gang membership

Sprunk said he firmly believes that Juggalos don't meet any of the gang criteria, and said it frustrates him that law enforcement sometimes labels him and his friends that way.

"You get picked on a lot more because you're different," Sprunk said.

Of Mesa's 34 documented Juggalos, public records show some have been arrested in connection with crimes including aggravated assault, shoplifting, drug paraphernalia and armed robbery. But many Juggalos said these types of people are rare in their circles.

And McCloe said it bothers him when he hears a news report of Juggalos hurting people.

Vasey, the DPS gang investigator, said although she believes Juggalos are by and large not a gang, she keeps certain sects of them on her radar.

"Where my concern is ... I just want to make sure we do keep an eye on it when these gangs are breaking off," she said.

Vasey, who used to work as a police officer on an Indian reservation, said she has seen traditional gang members break away and call themselves Juggalos more frequently over the past three years in Indian communities. She believes it may not be long before the trend becomes more widespread in other parts of the state.

Lt. Andy Vasquez, who heads up the statewide gang task force and is also a member of the Arizona Gang Investigators Association, said officials have identified two specific sects of Juggalos as gang members. One is in Mesa and the other is in Tucson.

In Tempe, officer Brandon Banks said his department is not identifying Juggalos as a gang at this time and the group hasn't been a problem in the city.

Banks said that Juggalos often boast "they are down with the clown."

The Mesa detective said many of the Juggalos he has encountered have come from broken homes and have found family and support in the music they listen to and the group they spend time with - as unorthodox as they may be.

And even the Juggalos themselves will admit there is truth to that.

Andrew Godby, a Juggalo now living in Washington, D.C., agrees.

"That's why a lot of Juggalos become Juggalos, because they're outcasts and they're not part of the popular group," Godby said.

He was one of many Juggalos who contacted the Tribune after a story about the June killing.

Sprunk said he is much closer with his Juggalo family than his biological family.

And McCloe said his mom is in prison for more than two years, so the Juggalos are his main family, too.

"There is a song (on one album) saying if you don't belong anywhere and you feel like an outcast, we'll take you," Godby said.

"Just because we call ourselves a different name doesn't mean we do any more harm than anyone else."

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