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Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Guide



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PURPOSE



(U) The National Gang Intelligence Center (NGIC) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) assess there are approximately 300 Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMGs) in the United States. OMGs range in size from a single chapter, to multiple chapters in several states, to hundreds of chapters worldwide. Every year new OMGs are created, smaller ones merge, and weaker ones disband. For the purpose of this guide, only prevalent US-based OMGs are featured. Due to the fluid, ever-changing biker environment, this guide does not list known clubhouses, but does list known locations or states for each OMG. The NGIC and the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association (IOMGIA) recommend contacting individual state or local law enforcement agencies directly for specific details regarding OMG size or activities in a particular jurisdiction.

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OMG DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

OMG and gang definitions vary between states and even between federal agencies. The NGIC conforms to the US Department of Justice definition of gangs:

(1) an association of three or more individuals;

(2) whose members collectively identify themselves by adopting a group identity which they use to create an atmosphere of fear or intimidation frequently by employing one or more of the following: a common name, slogan, identifying sign, symbol, tattoo or other physical marking, style or color of clothing, hairstyle, hand sign or graffiti

(3) the association's purpose, in part, is to engage in criminal activity and the association uses violence or intimidation to further its criminal objectives

(4) its members engage in criminal activity, or acts of juvenile delinquency that if committed by an adult would be crimes

(5) with the intent to enhance or preserve the association's power, reputation, or economic resources

(6) the association may also possess some of the following characteristics: (a) the members employ rules for joining and operating within the association; (b) the members meet on a recurring basis; (c) the association provides physical protection of its members from other criminals and gangs; (d) the association seeks to exercise control over a particular location or region, or it may simply defend its perceived interests against rivals; or (e) the association has an identifiable structure

(7) this definition is not intended to include traditional organized crime groups such as La Cosa Nostra, groups that fall within the Department's definition of "international organized crime," drug trafficking organizations or terrorist organizations

<http://www.justice.gov/criminal-ocgs/about-violent-gangs>



IOMGIA has adopted the National Crime Information Center's gang criterion for defining OMGs and their members; with the understanding that owning and operating a motorcycle is paramount for membership.

NCIC GANG DEFINITION



- A. Must be an ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons and
- B. The group must have a common interest and/or activity characterized by the commission of or involvement in a pattern of criminal or delinquent conduct. These acts are defined as: narcotics distribution, firearms or explosives violations, murder, extortion, obstruction of justice (including witness intimidation and/or tampering), and any other violent crimes such as assault, threats, burglary, carjacking. Delinquent conduct is the conduct of a juvenile which would be a crime if committed by an adult. Criminal conduct includes acts committed while incarcerated.

NCIC GANG MEMBER DEFINITION



- An individual who meets any two of the following criteria:
1. Self-admission at the time of arrest or incarceration, or 2. Any two of the following criteria:
 - A. Identified as a gang member by a reliable informant;
 - B. Identified as a gang member by an informant whose information has been corroborated;
 - C. Frequents a gang's area, associates with known members, and/or affects gang dress, tattoos, or hand signals;
 - D. Has been arrested multiple times with known gang members for offenses consistent with gang activity; or
 - E. Self-admission (other than at the time of arrest or incarceration).



ONE PERCENTERS (1%ERS)

(U//LES) OMG members are also referred to as One Percenters. The term was born at the 1947 Hollister, California Motorcycle Rally where after an evening of drunken debauchery an American Motorcycle Association statement claimed that 99% of the rally attendees were law abiding citizens; thus the other one percent of attendees were outlaws. Since then, a 1% symbol in a diamond shaped patch has become a common icon of many OMGs, but not all OMGs mandate that their members wear a one percent diamond patch.

LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

(U//LES) Most OMGs have national officers normally consisting of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and sergeant at arms. This leadership structure is also consistent with the local chapter leadership structure as well. Some OMGs may also have an enforcer or road captain within their leadership structures.

PATCHED MEMBER

(U//LES) Full-fledged member of the organization and has rights and privileges associated with membership. Patched members may hold office or leadership positions within the organization as well.

PROSPECT

(U//LES) Sometimes called Probationary member, the prospect is an individual who desires membership in the organization. The prospect is presented, or sponsored by a patched member, and will wear modified club patches that indicate his prospective status. During the prospect phase, the prospect will perform work or duties for the club and its patched members. Some of this work may be criminal in nature. The prospect is evaluated during the prospect phase, sometimes lasting up to year, to determine suitability within the organization. During the prospect phase, the prospect has no status or influence on the organization's business.





HANG-AROUND/ASSOCIATE

(U//LES) Hang-arounds or associates of the organization are individuals who the organization has accepted their presence at their clubhouse or functions, and may aspire to become prospects and patched



PROPERTY OF

(U//LES) Some OMGs issue or allow the wives or girlfriends of patched members to wear a vest or other clothing indicating that she belongs to a particular member. Women wearing this will also have no say or status within the organization.

IDENTIFIERS

(U//LES) The most common and easily recognizable way to identify OMG members is through the patches they wear on leather or denim vests. These patched vests are called colors, and are sometimes called rags or cuts depending on where they are from in the United States. Generally, most OMGs wear a three-piece patch set on the back of their vests, which is the foundation of their OMG indicia.

Top Rocker: Motorcycle Club (MC) name –Hells Angels; Outlaws; Bandidos Center

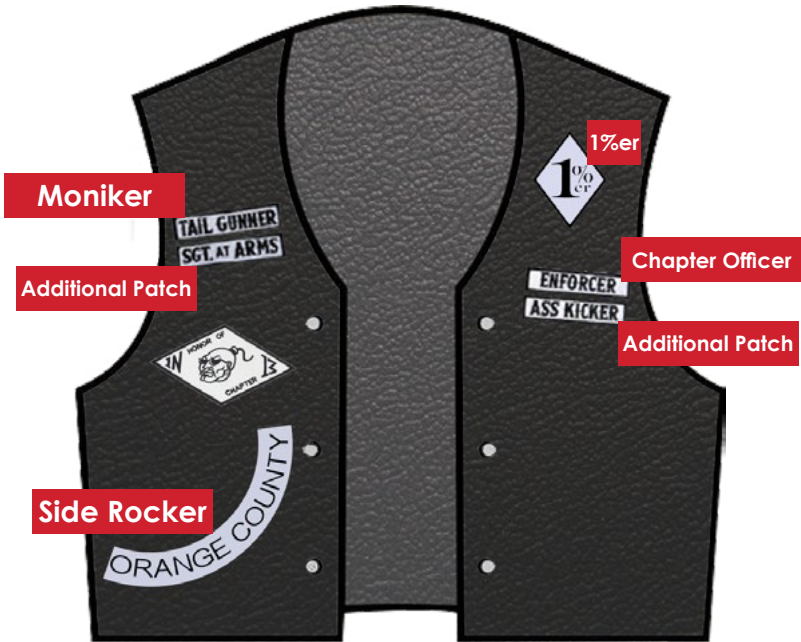
Patch: Club Logo

Bottom Rocker: MC chapter location or territory claimed

SUPPORT CLUBS

(U//LES) Support clubs are smaller MCs that align with a dominant OMG in their area. These support clubs become a force multiplier for the OMG, may aid criminal activities, and are often pools of potential recruits for the OMG. Some support clubs will wear a round patch on their patched vests indicating they are supporting an OMG.

MOTORCYCLE CLUB COLORS/CUTS





OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS

History
Locations
Criminal Activities



LOCATIONS



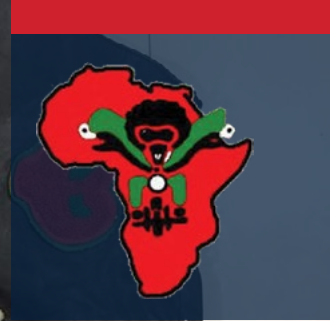
- ORIGIN
- NEW YORK
- EXPANSION
- NJ

69'ERS

(U//LES) Was established in the early 1960s in New York, New York. The organization also claims to be one of the largest OMGs operating in the State of New York.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, illegal possession of National Firearms Act (NFA) weapons, weapons trafficking illegal possession of explosives, manufacturing of explosive devices, murder, attempted murder, assault, extortion, threats of violence and intimidation, burglary, trafficking stolen motorcycles and parts, vehicle theft, receiving stolen property, racketeering, conspiracy, and prostitution.



AFRO DOGS

(U//LES) Was founded in the early 1970s in Detroit, Michigan. Shortly thereafter the Afro Dogs opened a chapter in Youngstown, Ohio and the Detroit Chapter became the “Mother Club” chapter. Since its inception, the Afro Dogs have established chapters across the northeastern United States.

LOCATIONS

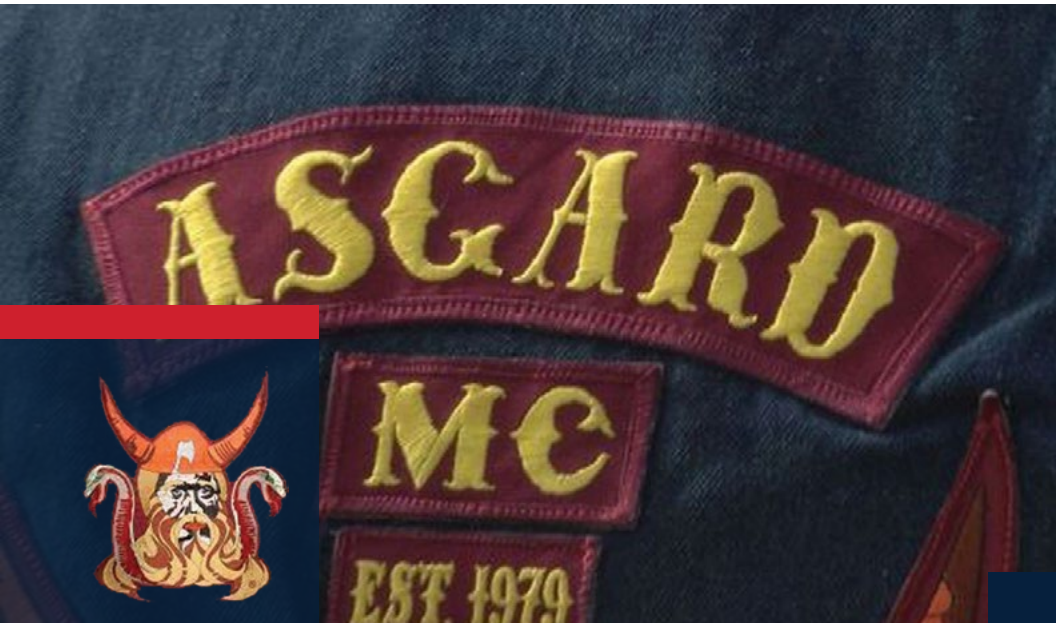


ORIGIN
MICHIGAN

EXPANSION
NY, OH, PA, VA

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, malicious wounding, assault, murder, attempted murder, money laundering, witness intimidation, and trafficking in stolen motorcycles and parts, and counterfeit merchandise.



LOCATIONS



■ ORIGIN
 MISSISSIPPI
■ EXPANSION
 N/A

ASGARD

(U//LES) Was founded on 1 January 1979 in Biloxi, Mississippi, with 11 original members. Since then, the club has established several chapters within the State of Mississippi.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Weapons trafficking, extortion, prostitution, money laundering and illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics.



AVENGERS

(U//LES) Was founded in Waterford, Michigan, in 1967 by Ron Swalwell and has expanded to numerous states across the United States. The Avengers appear to have garnered the respect of other MCs through their refusal to be intimidated or influenced by other OMGs.

LOCATIONS



ORIGIN

MICHIGAN

EXPANSION

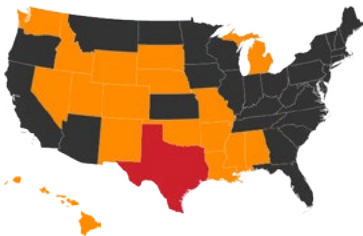
FL, IL, IN, MD, NC, OH, TN, WV

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, assault, murder, attempted murder, robbery, threats/intimidation, trafficking stolen goods, and stolen motorcycles and parts.



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN
TEXAS

EXPANSION

AL, AR, CO, HI, ID, LA, MS, MO, MT,
NE, NV, NM, OK, SD, UT, WA, WY

BANDIDOS

(U//LES) Was founded in San Leon, Texas, in 1965 by Donald Chambers. Chambers served as president from 1966 to 1973 when he was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. Since 1966, the Bandidos have expanded throughout Texas, the Southwest United States and parts of the Northwest. The first international chapter was established in Australia in 1983 when a faction of the Comancheros MC patched over to become the first foreign chapter of the Bandidos. Today, the Bandidos have chapters throughout Europe, Southeast Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and Central and South America.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Murder, attempted murder, malicious wounding, threats of violence, weapons trafficking, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, illegal possession and trafficking of prescription drugs, illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, assault, extortion, intimidation, prostitution, money laundering, conspiracy, racketeering, and arson.



BLACK PISTONS

(U//LES) is the official support club for the Outlaws MC. Established in 2002 with the backing of the Outlaws, the Black Pistons have expanded rapidly throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. The Outlaws use the Black Pistons members as a recruitment source for prospective Outlaws MC members, as well as a force multiplier to increase the Outlaws presence as needed.

LOCATIONS



ORIGIN
N/A

EXPANSION

AL, CT, FL, GA, IL, IA, KT, ME, MI, NH, NY, OH, PA, TN, WI

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Assault, extortion, fraud, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, malicious wounding, murder, attempted murder, intimidation, threats of violence, conspiracy, racketeering, and theft.



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN

N/A

EXPANSION

AZ, CA, NV

Information has also been found indicating that the Brotherhood MC also has a Nomads chapter.

BROTHERHOOD

(U//LES) Was founded/established January 1975. The organization claims to be a group of like-minded individuals who have bonded together to live life on their own terms.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Assault, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, burglary, illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, theft, intimidation, and thefts of violence.



CHING-A-LING

(U//LES) Was founded in the early 1960s in New York, New York. Originally, the organization began as a local street gang, which later restructured into a motorcycle club. In the beginning, members of the organization consisted of African American and Puerto Rican males. However, it is believed that the group will now accept individuals of other racial backgrounds. Members of the organization, law enforcement personnel, and some motorcycle clubs consider the Ching-a-Lings an OMG.

LOCATIONS



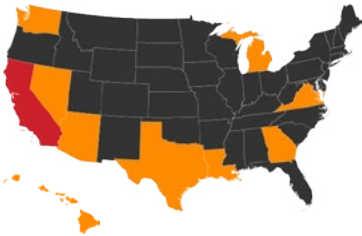
■ ORIGIN
 NEW YORK
■ EXPANSION
 CA, CT

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, illegal possession of explosives/explosive devices, attempted murder, malicious wounding, intimidation, disorderly conduct, and assault.



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN
CALIFORNIA

EXPANSION
AZ, GA, HI, LA, MI, NV, TX, VA, WA
Washington D.C.

CHOSEN FEW

(U//LES) Was founded in 1959, in Los Angeles, California, by several black males and one black female. The Chosen Few is one of the oldest known predominately black or African American motorcycle clubs in the United States. In 1960, the Chosen Few initiated and accepted its first Caucasian member. Since the acceptance of this first Caucasian member, individuals of various ethnicities and racial backgrounds have been initiated into the organization. Individuals associated with the Chosen Few view themselves as one of the first multiracial MC in the United States. The Chosen Few also have a chapter in the Philippines.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, illegal manufacturing of narcotics, malicious wounding, assault, murder, attempted murder, arson, intimidation, theft, and trafficking in stolen motorcycles and parts.



COSSACKS

(U//LES) Was founded in 1969 in Tyler, Texas. Historical information indicates that at the time of formation, there were six original members. Since its inception, the Cossacks has expanded to several locations within Texas.

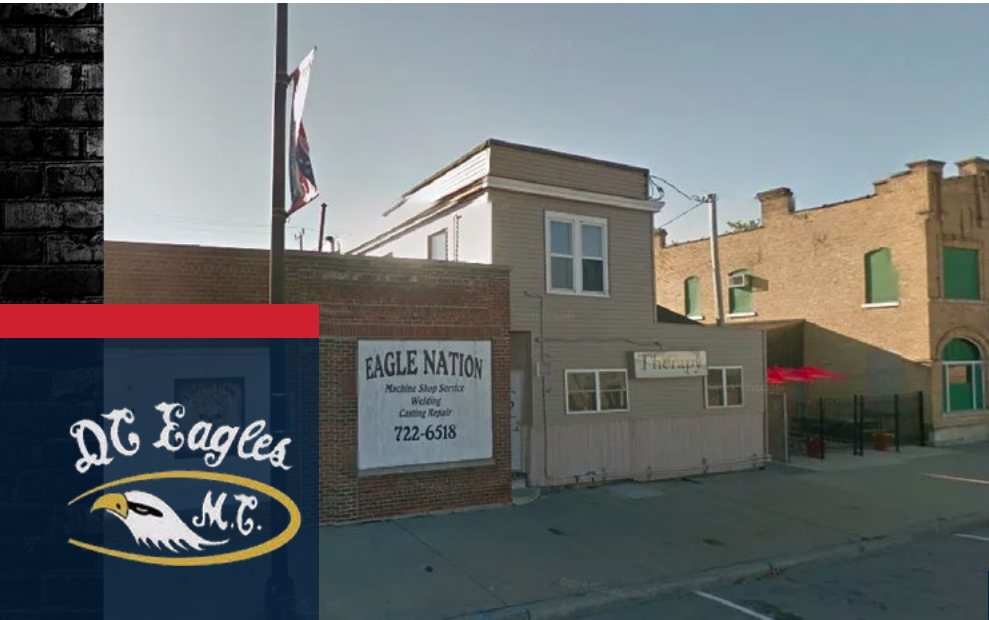
LOCATIONS



- ORIGIN
- TEXAS
- EXPANSION
- OK, VA

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Assault, threats of violence, intimidation, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, malicious wounding, and illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics.



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN
ILLINOIS

EXPANSION
AR, IN, MI, WI

DC EAGLES

(U//LES) Was founded in 1963, in Chicago, Illinois. The organization's motto is Love, Honor, Respect, and complete Trust in your brother. The DC Eagles are an OMG, however, its members do not wear a 1% patch. Instead, members wear a 99% NFG (No Fucking Good) patch. To DC Eagles MC members, the 99% NFG patch has the same relevance or meaning as the 1% patch.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, attempted murder, murder, and assault.



DETROIT HIGHWAYMEN

(U//LES) Was established in 1954, in Detroit, Michigan. Since the inception of the organization, the Highwaymen have spread to numerous areas throughout the central and southern United States.

LOCATIONS



- ORIGIN
MICHIGAN
- EXPANSION
AL, FL, KT, OH, TN

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession and trafficking of firearm(s), murder, attempted murder, murder for hire, assault, fraud, vehicle theft, racketeering, conspiracy, illegal possession of explosive devices, arson, and threats of violence.



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN

CALIFORNIA

EXPANSION

AL, AZ, ID, IL, IN, MS, MO, NV

DEVILS DICIPLES

(U//LES) Were founded in Fontana, California, in 1967. The club originally consisted of 12 original members, with the word Diciples intentionally misspelled. Since its inception, club members deemed the group an OMG.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, gambling, arson, murder, assault, extortion, prostitution, threats of violence, illegal possession and trafficking of explosives and firearms, trafficking in stolen motorcycles and parts, theft, conspiracy, and racketeering.



DIABLOS

(U//LES) John Baltas, a motorcycle enthusiast, formed the Diablos MC in San Bernardino, California, in the 1960s. In 1973 Baltas moved the headquarters of the club to Meriden, Connecticut, where the MC remains.

LOCATIONS



ORIGIN

START: CALIFORNIA
CURRENT: CONNECTICUT

EXPANSION

IN, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, TN

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, trafficking stolen motorcycles and parts, murder, attempted murder, malicious wounding, assault, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, and weapons trafficking.



LOCATIONS



■ ORIGIN
 CALIFORNIA
■ EXPANSION
 N/A

EAST BAY DRAGONS

(U//LES) Was founded in Oakland, California, by Tobie G. Levingston. Originally the Dragons were formed as a car club, however; in 1959, the organization switched over and became one of the first African American motorcycle clubs.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition and illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics.



FUGARWE TRIBE

(U//LES) Was founded in Chicago, Illinois, in 1948. Originally, the organization was known as the Road Kings MC. However, in 1955 the club officially changed their name to the Fugarwe Tribe.

LOCATIONS



- ORIGIN
ILLINOIS
- EXPANSION
AL, AR, LA

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, and illegal possession and trafficking of prescription drugs.



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN

NA

EXPANSION

CA, KS, LA, MN, MS, MO, MT

GALLOPING GOOSE

(U//LES) The name “Galloping Goose” came from the name given to Dick Hershberg’s motorcycle. Hershberg had the image of the running “middle finger” painted on his motorcycle gas tank. Hershberg and his associates were known to get together for the weekend motorcycle runs and were referred to by others as “Galloping Goose” or GG Bunch. In 1949 or 1950 the group officially became the Galloping Goose MC and had 13 original members.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, illegal possession of National Firearms Act (NFA) weapons, weapons trafficking illegal possession of explosives, manufacturing of explosive devices, murder, attempted murder, assault, extortion, threats of violence and intimidation, burglary, trafficking stolen motorcycles and parts, vehicle theft, receiving stolen property, racketeering, conspiracy, and prostitution.



GRIM REAPERS

(U//LES) Was founded in Louisville, Kentucky, in the late 1950s or early 1960s. When formed, the founders of the organization considered the Grim Reapers an OMG from the beginning.

LOCATIONS



- ORIGIN
KENTUCKY
- EXPANSION
IL, IN, TN

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Assault, robbery, arson, attempted murder, extortion, forgery, intimidation, kidnapping, theft, larceny, trafficking stolen motorcycles and parts, illegal firearms and ammunition possession, weapons trafficking, malicious wounding, illegal possession of explosive devices, illegal possession of NFA weapons, illegal possession and manufacturing of narcotics, conspiracy, and racketeering.



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN

START: CALIFORNIA
CURRENT: OREGON

EXPANSION

WA

GYPSY JOKERS

(U//LES) Was formed in San Francisco, California, in 1956, and at one time were one of the most powerful motorcycle gangs in California. However, in 1967, the Gypsy Jokers were forced out of California by the Hells Angels MC. The Gypsy Jokers relocated to Oregon.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

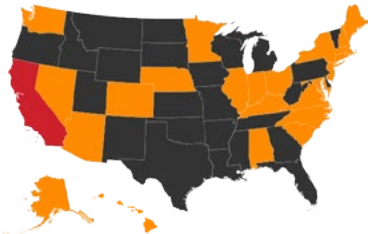
Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, counterfeiting, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, armed robbery, illegal possession of explosives, murder, attempted murder, assault, extortion, intimidation, threats of violence, burglary, identity theft, arson, trafficking stolen motorcycle and parts, vehicle theft, receiving stolen property, conspiracy, racketeering, insurance fraud, and prostitution.



HELLS ANGELS

(U//LES) Was formed in Fontana, California, in 1948. Historical information suggests that some of the original members of the organization were former members of the Pissed Off Bastards of Bloomington (POBOB) MC. In 1957, the “Mother Club” for the Hells Angels was established in Oakland, California. Today, the Hells Angels are one of the largest MCs in the United States and worldwide, with chapters in Africa, Australia, Europe, New Zealand, South America, and Southeast Asia.

LOCATIONS



ORIGIN

CALIFORNIA

EXPANSION

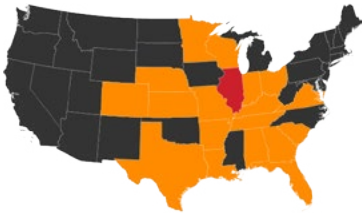
AK, AL, AZ, CO, CT, HI, IL, IN, IA, ME, MD, MA, MN, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, RI, SC, VA, WA

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, firearms trafficking, conspiracy, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, illegal possession and trafficking of prescription drugs, illegal manufacturing of narcotics, kidnapping, threats of violence, intimidation, assault, extortion, attempted murder, murder, malicious wounding, racketeering, fencing stolen property, money laundering, and motorcycle theft.



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN
ILLINOIS

EXPANSION

AL, AR, CO, FL, GA, IN, KS, KT, LA,
MN, MO, NE, OH, SC, TN, TX, VA, WI

HELL'S LOVERS

(U//LES) Was founded in 1967, in Chicago, Illinois, by two longtime friends and avid motorcycle riders. Early members of the Hell's Lovers viewed the club as one of the first racially-integrated MCs in the country. This ideology contrasted with the non-race mixing philosophy that was prevalent among many white MCs; thus, early Hell's Lovers members considered themselves as the true "outlaws" of the motorcycle club world because they accepted individuals of all racial backgrounds.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, malicious wounding, assault, illegal possession of stolen explosive devices, illegal possession of NFA weapons, racketeering, and conspiracy.



HESSIANS

(U//LES) Originated in southern California, in March 1968. Since its inception the Hessians have spread to several other locations throughout California.

LOCATIONS



■ ORIGIN
 CALIFORNIA
■ EXPANSION
 N/A

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Murder, illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, intimidation, malicious wounding, assault, and threats of violence.



LOCATIONS



- **ORIGIN**
INDIANA
- **EXPANSION**
CO, IL, MO

INVADERS

(U//LES) Was founded in 1965 in Gary, Indiana. The purpose of the organization was to start a nationwide brotherhood of hardcore bikers dedicated to having fun and showing class. From the beginning the founders decided that the organization would be an outlaw-type band of brothers.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Assault, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, crimes of violence, money laundering, malicious wounding, illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of NFA weapons, kidnapping, conspiracy, and racketeering.



IRON HORSEMEN

(U//LES) Originated in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the mid 1960s. Gerald "Round" Hendricks was one of the original seven members and the club's first president. The Iron Horsemen emulated other OMGs, like the Hells Angels, Pagan's and Outlaws, quickly adopting their criminal lifestyle.

LOCATIONS



■ ORIGIN

OHIO

■ EXPANSION

CO, IN, KY, ME, MD, NY, PA, TN

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, illegal possession of NFA weapons, illegal possession of explosives/explosive devices, murder, murder for hire, attempted murder, assault, extortion, intimidation, malicious wounding, threats of violence, vehicle/motorcycle thefts, receiving stolen property, conspiracy, racketeering, insurance fraud, and prostitution.



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN

N/A

EXPANSION

CT, MA

JAMES GANG

(U//LES) The founding members of the James Gang MC were originally a sub-group of members of the Diablos MC. These sub-group members were enforcers who “took care of business” for the Diablos. Around 1989, after an internal dispute between the Diablos and their enforcer sub-group, the sub-group left and established the James Gang MC.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Assault, threats of violence, intimidation, malicious wounding, arson, attempted murder, murder, illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, and illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition.



MONGOLS

(U//LES) Was formed in Montebello, California, in December 1969 by several Caucasian motorcyclists. Membership has increased through the recruitment of male Hispanic bikers and transformed the organization into a primarily Hispanic biker gang. Mongols have been known to recruit recently released inmates and street gang members. Internationally, the Mongols have expanded into Europe, Southeast Asia, Canada, Australia, Mexico, and Brazil.

LOCATIONS



ORIGIN
CALIFORNIA

EXPANSION
AZ, AR, CO, FL, ID, IN, MO, NV, NM,
NY, NC, OK, OR, PA, TN, TX, UT, VA,
WA

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, illegal possession NFA weapons, illegal possession of explosives/explosive devices, murder, murder for hire, attempted murder, assault, malicious wounding, extortion, intimidation, threats of violence, conspiracy, burglary, motorcycle and vehicle thefts, racketeering, and prostitution.



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN
MICHIGAN

EXPANSION

AL, AZ, CA, CT, FL, GA, IL, KS, KT,
LA, MD, MA, MS, MO, NJ, NY, NC,
OH, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, WI

OUTCAST

(U//LES) Was founded in November 1969, in Detroit, Michigan, by four African American motorcycle enthusiasts. These four members proclaimed the organization as a Black 1% MC and offered membership only to Black male motorcycle riders. Members were also required to own a motorcycle that is 90 percent black in color.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, armed robbery, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, assault, murder, attempted murder, conspiracy, racketeering, witness intimidation, extortion, trafficking stolen motorcycles and parts, counterfeit merchandise, threats of violence, and malicious wounding.



OUTLAWS

aka AMERICAN OUTLAWS ASSOCIATION

(U//LES) Formed in 1935, the Outlaws were originally known as the McCook Outlaws MC. In the late 1940s, McCook Outlaws requested charter from the Hells Angels, which was ignored; thus creating animosity between the clubs. Subsequently the McCook Outlaws moved their headquarters to Chicago, Illinois, and the club officially changed its name to the American Outlaws Association (AOA). Internationally, Outlaws chapters can be found throughout Europe, Russia, Southeast Asia, Australia and Canada.

LOCATIONS



■ ORIGIN

ILLINOIS

■ EXPANSION

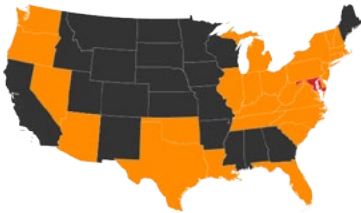
AL, AR, CT, FL, GA, IN, KT, ME, MA, MI, MO, NH, NY, NC, OH, OK, PA, RI, TN, VT, WI

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, illegal possession of NFA weapons, explosives and explosive devices, attempted murder, murder, murder for hire, assault, extortion, intimidation, arson, conspiracy, threats of violence, burglary, kidnapping, motorcycle and vehicle thefts, receiving stolen property, money laundering, racketeering, and prostitution.



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN
MARYLAND

EXPANSION

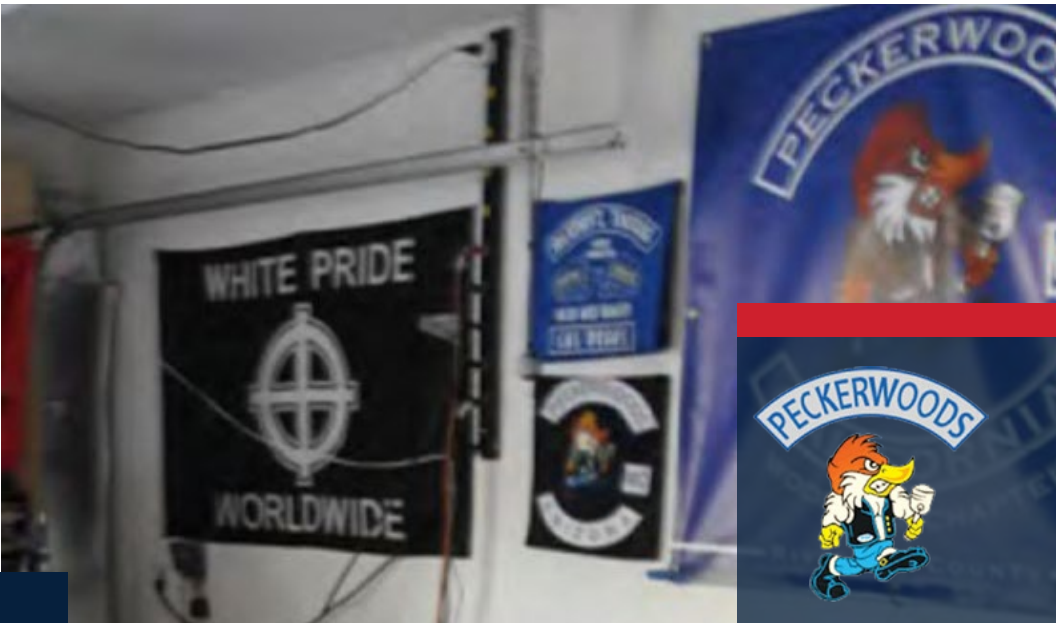
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NC, NH, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA,
RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, WA, WV, VT
PUERTO RICO

PAGAN'S

(U//LES) In 1959 Lou Dobkins, a biochemist at National Institute of Health, formed the Pagan's MC in Prince George's County, Maryland. Dobkins and original members began to emulate the 1% philosophy. The club began to establish chapters in other states, and eventually established ties to organized crime groups along the East Coast of the United States.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, illegal possession of NFA weapons, illegal possession of explosives/explosive devices, illegal possession of and/or trafficking of prescription drugs, attempted murder, murder, murder for hire, kidnapping, assault, extortion, intimidation, arson, conspiracy, threats of violence, burglary, robbery, motorcycle and vehicle thefts, receiving stolen property, money laundering, racketeering, and prostitution.



PECKERWOODS

(U//LES) Formed in the mid to late 1980s in California with the intent to provide like-minded individuals a MC in which to ride and promote the bonds of brotherhood. The Peckerwoods MC asserts that the organization itself is not racist, but they will not be held responsible for actions of individuals who are racist and utilize the name Peckerwood.

LOCATIONS



■ ORIGIN
 CALIFORNIA
■ EXPANSION
 AZ, NV

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, threats of violence, malicious woundings, burglary, extortion, illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, prostitution, intimidation, automobile and motorcycle thefts, and assault.



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN
ILLINOIS

EXPANSION

KT, OH, MI, MO, NJ, NY, TN

PHANTOM

(U//LES) Was founded in 1968, in Chicago, Illinois, by a member of the Executioner Vice Lords Street Gang. The Phantom MC utilizes many of the same color schemes (black, red, and gold) and symbols (cane, white gloves, and the top hat), associated with the Vice Lords street gang. Many Phantom MC members are believed to have affiliations with various street gangs, to include the Vice Lords, Almighty Latin Kings, and various sets of the Bloods.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, armed robbery, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, malicious wounding, assault, murder, attempted murder, conspiracy, racketeering, witness intimidation, extortion, home invasions, trafficking in stolen motorcycles and parts, and counterfeit merchandise.



PHANTOM'S

(U//LES) According to open source information, the Phantom's MC was founded in the late 1950s. Originally the club began as the Phantom's Car Club, however, in 1962, Phantom's members voted to change the organization into a MC. The Phantom's openly proclaim they are an OMG.

LOCATIONS



ORIGIN

N/A

EXPANSION

FL, MD, Washington D.C.
Also has a Nomads chapter

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal manufacturing of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, assault, intimidation, and threats of violence.



LOCATIONS



■ ORIGIN
 CALIFORNIA
■ EXPANSION
 NV

PISSED OFF BASTARDS OF BLOOMINGTON

(U//LES) Was founded in 1945 in Bloomington, California, by several World War II veterans and Otto Friedli. In July 1947, POBOB and several other motorcycle clubs were involved in a violent incident occurring in Hollister, California. During the incident motorcyclists took over the town resulting in California law enforcement deeming that some of the participants were “Rebels” or “Outlaws.”

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, malicious wounding, threats of violence, and illegal possession of NFA weapons.



REBELS

(U//LES) Was formed in Brisbane, Australia in 1969. Since then, the Rebels have grown to approximately 150 chapters worldwide; with most chapters in Australia and the United States, but also Europe, South America, Southeast Asia, and New Zealand. In 2012, the Rebels officially established chapters in the United States. Prior to 2012, limited law enforcement reporting suggests that the Rebels may have been operating on a limited and discrete basis in the United States.

LOCATIONS



ORIGIN
AUSTRALIA (COUNTRY)

EXPANSION
AZ, CT, FL, GA, IN, KT, MI, NV, NM,
NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA,
WV, WA

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Intimidation and threats of violence.



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN

N/A

EXPANSION

AZ, CA, NJ, NY, NV, NC, SC

RED DEVILS

(U//LES) In 2001 the Red Devils MC became an official support club for the Hells Angels MC. Law enforcement intelligence suggests the Hells Angels formed the Red Devils as a support club for the recruitment of prospective members as well as a force multiplier. In some instances, the Hells Angels forced smaller motorcycle clubs to become Red Devils.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

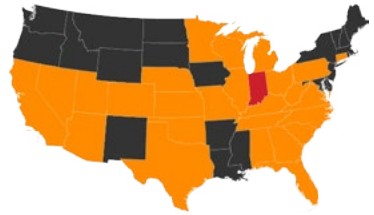
Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, prescription drug fraud, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, illegal possession of NFA weapons, illegal possession of explosives/explosive devices, murder, murder for hire, attempted murder, assault, extortion, intimidation, threats of violence, burglary, motorcycle and motorcycle parts thefts, vehicle thefts, receiving stolen property, racketeering, conspiracy, insurance fraud, malicious wounding, and prostitution.



SIN CITY DECIPLES

(U//LES) In 1966 the Sin City Deciples were founded in Gary, Indiana. The original founding members consisted of Black males; however, the organization accepts individuals from different racial backgrounds. Sin City Deciples also accept individuals with previous street gang or military affiliation.

LOCATIONS



ORIGIN
INDIANA

EXPANSION

AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, IL, KS,
KT, MI, MN, MO, NE, NV, NC, OH, OK,
PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WI

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, malicious woundings, assault, possession of and/or trafficking stolen motorcycles and parts, murder, attempted murder, and arson.



LOCATIONS



- ORIGIN
- N/A
- EXPANSION
- AZ

SONS OF AESIR

(U//LES) Was founded in 2005. The SOA openly proclaims they are a pro-White motorcycle club dedicated to the preservation and advancement of the White race. SOA also states they do not promote racism or hate, however, through non-violent actions the SOA promotes the advancement of White culture and heritage.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

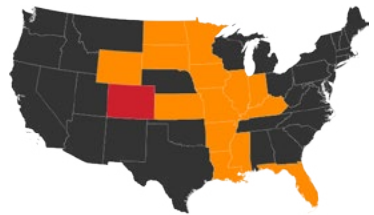
Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, manufacturing of narcotics, threats of violence, racketeering, illegal possession of explosives/explosive devices, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, vehicle thefts, and assault.



SONS OF SILENCE

(U//LES) In 1966 Bruce “The Dude” Richardson founded the Sons of Silence (SOS), in Niwot, Colorado. Richardson chose the SOS logo to be an American eagle, sitting on a large letter A which resembles the Anheuser Busch Budweiser beer logo. SOS members state the eagle represents freedom - freedom to ride - while the A stands for America. SOS’s motto is “donec mors non separate” or “until death separates us.” The SOS also have chapters in Germany.

LOCATIONS



■ ORIGIN
COLORADO
■ EXPANSION

AR, FL, IL, IN, IA, KS, KT, LA, MN, MS, MO, ND, SD, WY

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, murder, murder for hire, attempted murder, assault, extortion, intimidation, threats of violence, burglary, motorcycle thefts, malicious woundings, kidnapping, vehicle thefts, receiving stolen property, racketeering, conspiracy, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, illegal possession of NFA weapons, and illegal possession of explosives/explosive devices.



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN
CALIFORNIA

EXPANSION
UT

SUNDOWNERS

(U//LES) Was formed in southern California in the early 1960s. In 1971, the Sundowners acquired their first clubhouse, or “Mother Club,” in San Fernando, California.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, manufacturing of narcotics, assault, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, kidnapping, racketeering, and conspiracy.



SUTARS SOLDIERS

(U//LES) The Sutars Soldiers MC is a one-percenter OMG founded by Dennis “Rooster” Katona, several former Pagan’s motorcycle club Chapter Presidents and other former disgruntled Pagan’s members. In 2011, Katona was arrested by law enforcement officers for suspected criminal drug trafficking charges. At the time of his arrest, Katona was identified by law enforcement as the Pagan’s Motorcycle Club National President. Shortly thereafter his arrest and subsequent trial, Katona along with several former Pagan’s MC members defected from the Pagan’s and formed the Sutars Soldiers motorcycle club.

LOCATIONS



■ ORIGIN

N/A

■ EXPANSION

FL, MD, NY, OH, PA, SC, WV

The Sutars Soldiers as an organization, has identified themselves as a Nomads motorcycle club; no information was found indicating or suggesting that the organization claims any particular geographical location (i.e., city/county within the before identified states).

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Unknown at this time.

(It should be noted that many members of the Sutars Soldier Motorcycle Club are also former members of the Pagan’s one-percenter outlaw motorcycle club. Members and associates of the Pagan’s Motorcycle Club have been implicated in and/or convicted of various criminal activities).



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN

DELAWARE

EXPANSION

CA, CO, FL, GA, MD, NE, NC, OH,
OK, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV
PUERTO RICO

THUNDERGUARDS

(U//LES) Was formed in Wilmington, Delaware, in the mid-1960s as an African American motorcycle enthusiast club. Currently, the Thunderguards have been observed wearing North and South patches for their bottom rocker patch. This is believed to make it more difficult for law enforcement to readily identify which chapter a member belongs to.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, prescription drug fraud, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, murder, attempted murder, malicious wounding, intimidation, extortion, assault, and trafficking in stolen merchandise.



TOP HATTERS

(U//LES) Was established in 1947 and is one of the oldest motorcycle clubs in the United States. The Top Hatters claim their organization is a strong brotherhood of only serious motorcycle club riders, and that the organization is not for everyone.

LOCATIONS



■ ORIGIN
 N/A
■ EXPANSION
 CA, ID

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, suspected possession and/or manufacturing of explosive devices, and illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics.



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN
CALIFORNIA

EXPANSION

AZ, FL, GA, ID, MS, MO, NV, NM, NY,
OR, PA, SD, TX, UT

VAGOS

(U//LES) Was founded in 1966, in San Bernardino, California. Originally the club was known as Psychos MC. However, as the organization grew, members of the motorcycle club adopted the name “Vagos MC.”

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, illegal possession of NFA weapons, illegal possession of and/or manufacturing of explosives/explosive devices, murder, murder for hire, attempted murder, assault, extortion, intimidation, threats of violence, burglary, motorcycle thefts, motorcycle parts theft, vehicle thefts, receiving stolen property, racketeering, conspiracy, malicious wounding, and prostitution.



WARLOCKS

(U//LES) Was founded in 1967 by 13 members of the US Navy. Orlando, Florida, became the first chapter of the Warlocks MC, and the “Mother Club.” Since then, Warlocks MC chapters were established in several other states and internationally in Canada, Germany and Great Britain.

LOCATIONS



■ ORIGIN

FLORIDA

■ EXPANSION

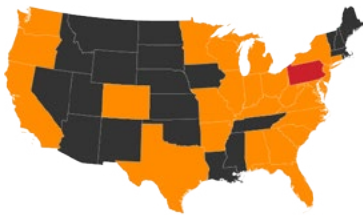
CT, GA, MD, MN, NY, OH, SC, VA, WV

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Assault, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, firearms trafficking, murder, attempted murder, malicious wounding, illegal possession of explosives/explosive devices, illegal possession of NFA weapons, kidnapping, Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, threats of violence, racketeering, and conspiracy.



LOCATIONS



ORIGIN
PENNSYLVANIA

EXPANSION
AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL,
IN, KT, MD, MI, MN, MO, NJ, NY, NC,
OH, OR, SC, TX VA, WA, WI, WV
Washington D.C.

WHEELS OF SOUL

(U//LES) In 1967, the Wheels of Soul MC (WoS) was established in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as a multiracial motorcycle enthusiast club. By 1974, the organization had adopted the OMG 1% patch. The WoS is one of the first multiracial biker organizations to adopt the 1% patch.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

Illegal possession of and/or trafficking of narcotics, illegal possession of firearm(s) and/or ammunition, weapons trafficking, intimidation, malicious wounding, home invasion, extortion, assault, counterfeiting, murder, attempted murder, racketeering, conspiracy, illegal manufacturing and possession of explosives/explosive devices, arson, obstruction, threats of violence, and armed robbery.

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- Maryland State Police
- Michigan State Police
- Middle-Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network
- Northwest Gang Investigators Association
- Prince George's County, Maryland, Police Department
- Prince William County, Virginia, Police Department
- Rappahannock, Virginia, County Jail
- San Diego County Sheriff's Office, San Diego, California
- Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, Sedgwick, Kansas
- US Army Criminal Intelligence Division
- Virginia State Police
- Waco, Texas, Police Department



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