

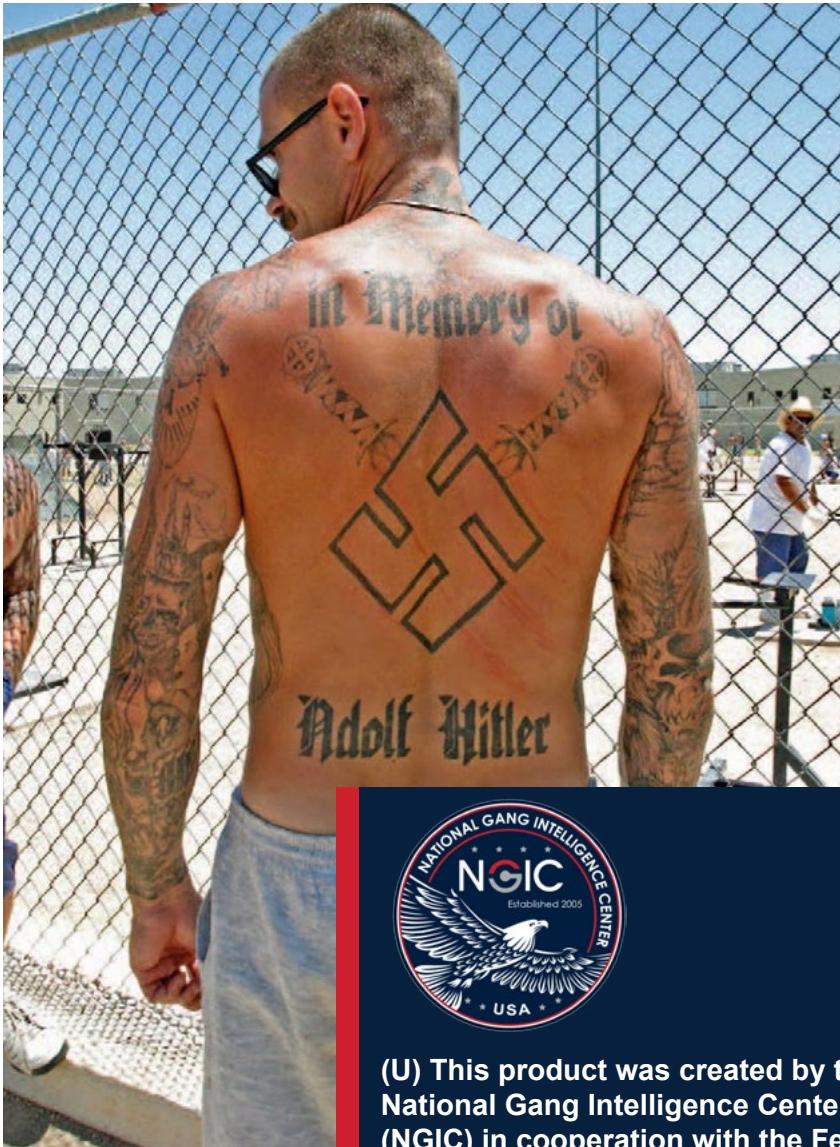
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# WHITE GANGS

SYMBOLS, AND TATTOOS



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# WHITE GANG DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY



(U) 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



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



(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

(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

# WHITE AND ARYAN GANG TATTOOS

(U//LES) Most White and Aryan prison and street gangs utilize tattoos that are specific to their particular gang, as well as a wide assortment of Asatru (also referred to as Odinism, the religion of the Vikings), Nordic, and Nazi symbolism. Some of the markings found in this product may be used by persons or groups espousing a white supremacy extremist ideology. Below are some of the most commonly used generic tattoos.

**(U//LES) 14** –Numerical representation for the “14 Words” coined by white supremacist David Lane: “We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children”

**(U//LES) 23** –Represents the letter “W” in the alphabet for White

**(U//LES) 88** –The number 8 is the numerical representation for the letter “H” in the alphabet and 88 stands for “HeilHitler”

**(U//LES) 100%** –Represents the need for a pure white race that is uncorrupted by interracial relationships; also means 100% white

**(U//LES) 666** –Represents the “beast” or Satan





**(U//LES) Celtic Cross or Odin's Cross** – Used by Norwegian Nazis in WWII (Also a religious symbol or used to depict Irish Pride)

**(U//LES) Iron Cross** –German military medal during WWII; symbol still used by German Air Force today

**(U//LES) Nazi War Bird** –National symbol of the Third Reich

**(U//LES) Othala Rune** –Norse symbol representing Aryan heritage and cultural pride  
**Thor's Hammer** –An ancient Norse symbol depicting protection against the forces of evil and violence

**(U//LES) SWP** –Supreme White Pride/  
 Supreme White Power

**(U//LES) SS Lightning Bolts** –Nazi symbol for the Schutzstaffel (SS), the elite military arm of Hitler's Third Reich

**(U//LES) Swastika** –Adopted in 1935 as the official emblem of the German Nazi party

**(U//LES) Totenkophor Death's Head** – Symbol of the Nazi SS; also represents death or defiance of death

**(U//LES) WP** –White Power or White Pride

**(U//LES) WPWW** –White Pride World Wide



# ARYAN BROTHERHOOD







(U//LES) The Aryan Brotherhood of California (AB), also referred to as “the Brand,” originated in San Quentin prison in 1967. Originally established to protect white inmates from other race-based gangs, the AB has evolved into a criminal organization. Many gangs throughout the United States have since adopted the name Aryan Brotherhood, but they are neither recognized nor accepted by the AB of California as an extension of the original AB. In recent years, AB members have abandoned the neo-Nazi ideology in favor of Odinism, using Norse and Viking symbolism. Most AB members are Odinists. Though members wear an assortment of tattoos, the true AB tattoo is a shamrock that contains the letters AB and three sixes. They also use a shield with a Nordic dagger running through it; the phrase Aryan Brotherhood; the numbers 1 and 2 (representing the letters of the alphabet A and B); the Roman Numerals I and II; or the letters “A” and “B.”



AB; shamrock with SWP (Supreme White Power)



AB; shamrock with 666, the number of Satan or "the beast"



AB; skulls



Shamrock with 666; AB



Swastika; shamrock; AB



Shamrock with 666 inside swastika; wood; So Cal



Cards representing 1 and 2 for the letters AB; skull with SS bolts



AB hand sign with fingers representing 1 and 2 for AB



Nazi War Bird with swastika; letters AB



Roman numbers I and II representing the letters A and B; SS bolts



AB with shamrock and 666



# ARYAN BROTHERHOOD OF TEXAS



(U//LES) The Aryan Brotherhood of Texas (ABT) originated in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in the early 1980s as a protection for white inmates against race-based gangs. The gang has since become a criminal organization and operates in and outside the state of Texas. Though it has adopted the name Aryan Brotherhood, it is not affiliated with -- or accepted by -- the Aryan Brotherhood of California. The ABT tattoos reflect a shield with a swastika and sword in the middle; the letters A and B and Texas or ABT; the Roman numerals I and II (to represent the letters A and B) with the word Texas.



Roman numerals I and II, representing A and B; Texas

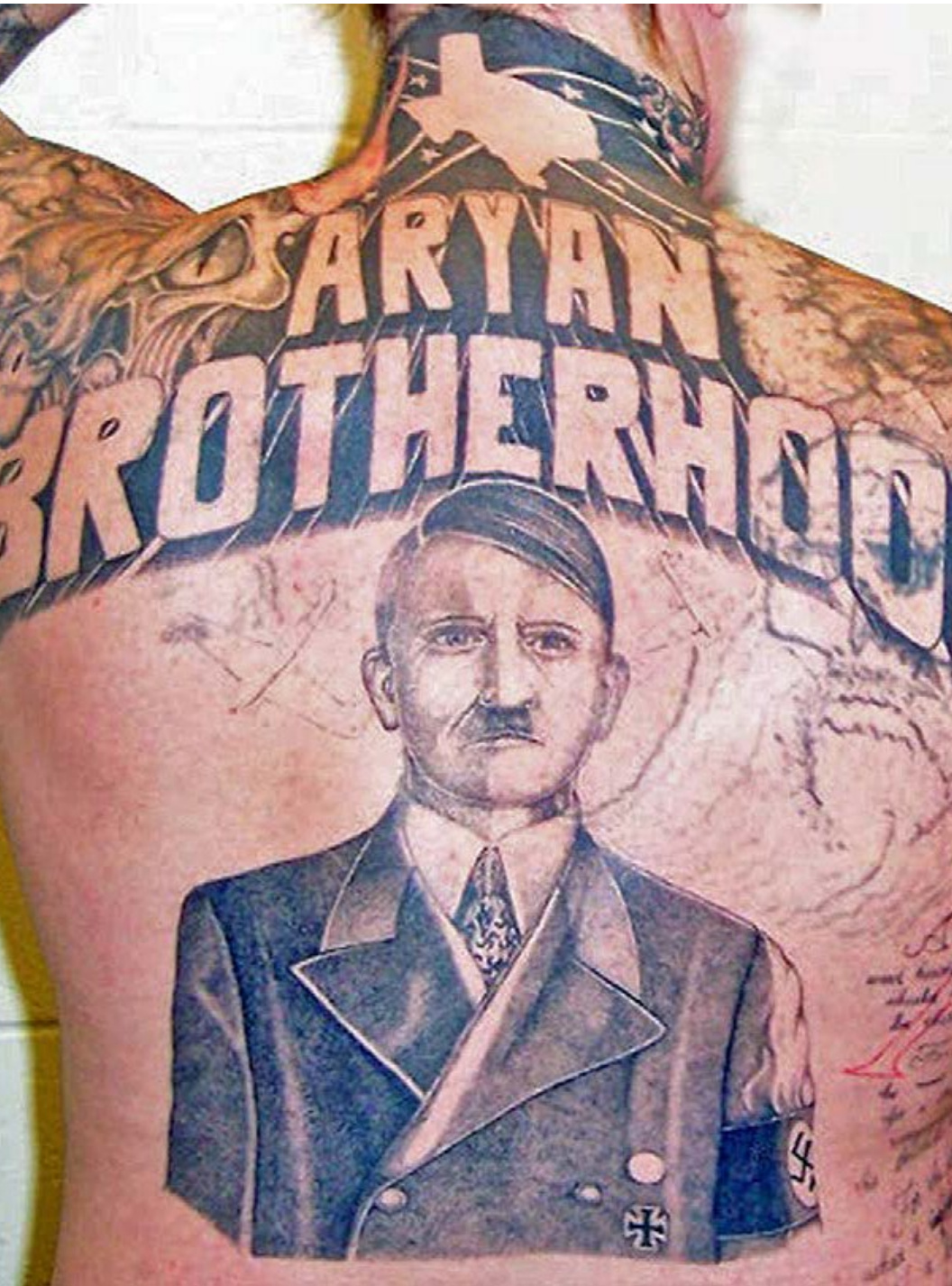




Letters AB inside an outline of the state of Texas; Sinner; shamrocks; skulls; SS bolt



Letters AB within outline of the state of Texas; 14 (the 14 words)



Aryan Brotherhood; map of Texas; Hitler





AB of Texas shield



AB Texas with shield; Iron Cross inside a cross; skulls; Celtic Cross; swastika



ABT Shields; swastika; SS bolts; eagle



AB of Texas shield; Confederate flag with SS bolts adorning a swastika; Aryan Pride



AB of Texas shield; woodpecker; SS bolts



ABT shield



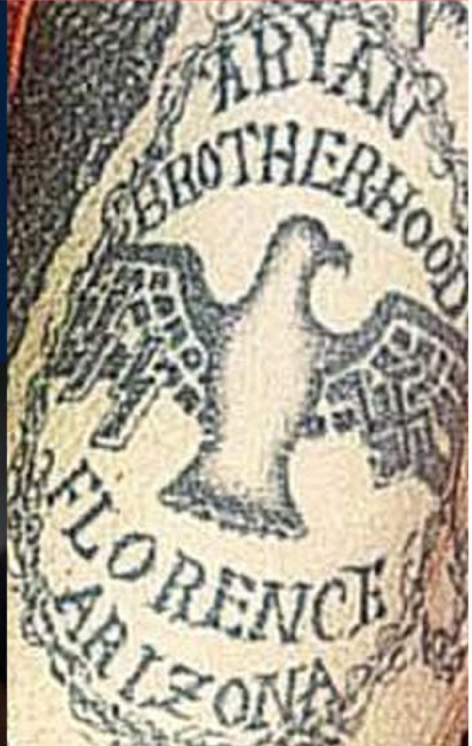
ABT in small circle with SS bolts on the side



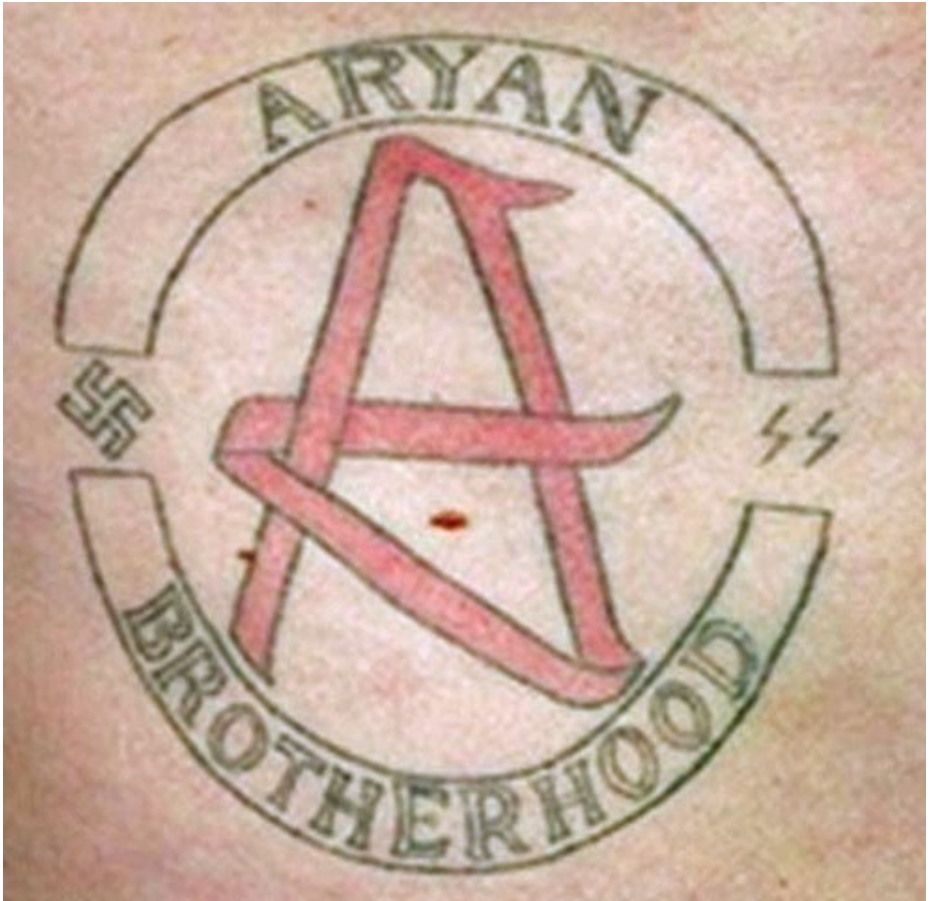
Swastika with ABT



# STATE ARYAN BROTHERHOOD



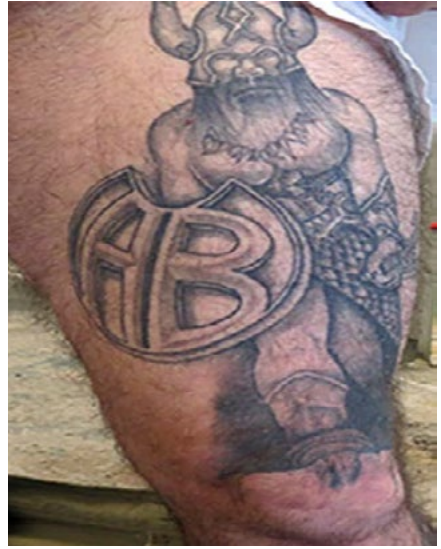
(U//LES) Aryan Brotherhood gangs have sprung up across the nation, taking the name Aryan Brotherhood along with their state name. These gangs, however, are not sanctioned by the original Aryan Brotherhood of California and they operate independently and with their own hierarchy and individualized tattoos.



Aryan Brotherhood of Indiana



Aryan Brotherhood of Alabama; shield with AB, lightning bolts, swastika, and Iron Cross



Aryan Brotherhood of Ohio; Viking with Othalarune on helmet

Aryan Brotherhood of Ohio; AB; Celtic Cross; Celtic Circle with SS bolts and Aryan Brotherhood; skulls





Aryan Brotherhood of Ohio; shamrock; AB on chest and shoulder; White Pride; shield with SS bolts



Aryan Brotherhood of Ohio; SS bolts; Ohio AB shield; GFB D are initials for God Forgives the Brotherhood Don't; the numbers 126 on left shoulder is the numerical representation for Aryan Brotherhood Forever and 612 on left shoulder is Forever Aryan Brotherhood



Aryan Brotherhood of Georgia; shield with AB; number 88 for Heil Hitler; numbers 23 and 16 representing letters WP for White Power; swastikas; SS bolts



Aryan Brotherhood of Alabama; shield with AB, Iron Cross, swastika, and SS bolts; 14 (14 words); 88 (Heil Hitler); Blood; Honor





Aryan Brotherhood of New Mexico; NM; AB



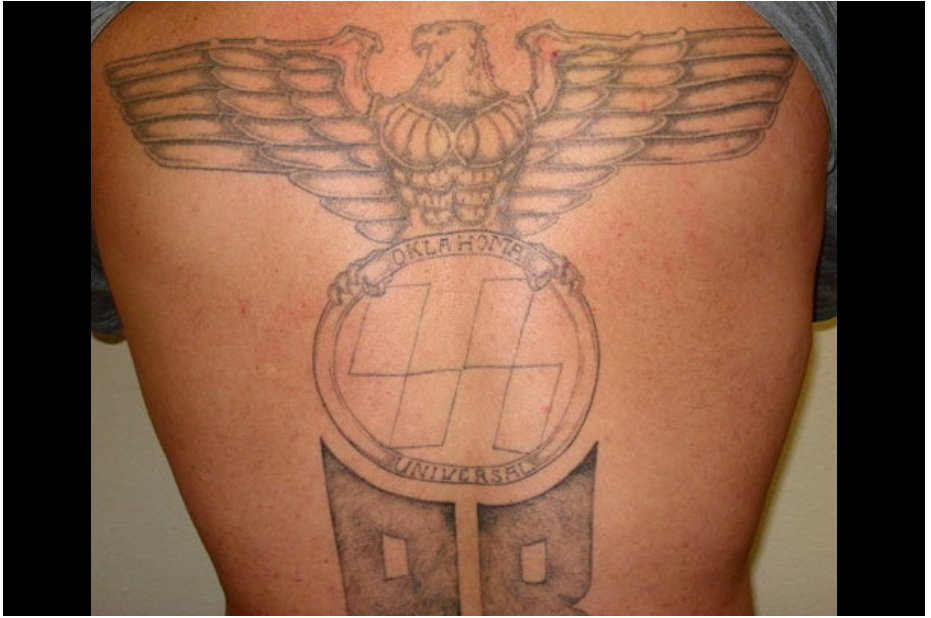
AB of Alabama; shield with AB, lightning bolts, swastika, Iron Cross, and numbers 14 and 88



Aryan Brotherhood of Mississippi Triangle represents the intertwined letters A and B superimposed with lightning bolts in the middle and a swastika; number 13 to the right represents "M" in the alphabet and number 9 at the bottom represents the letter I (MI)



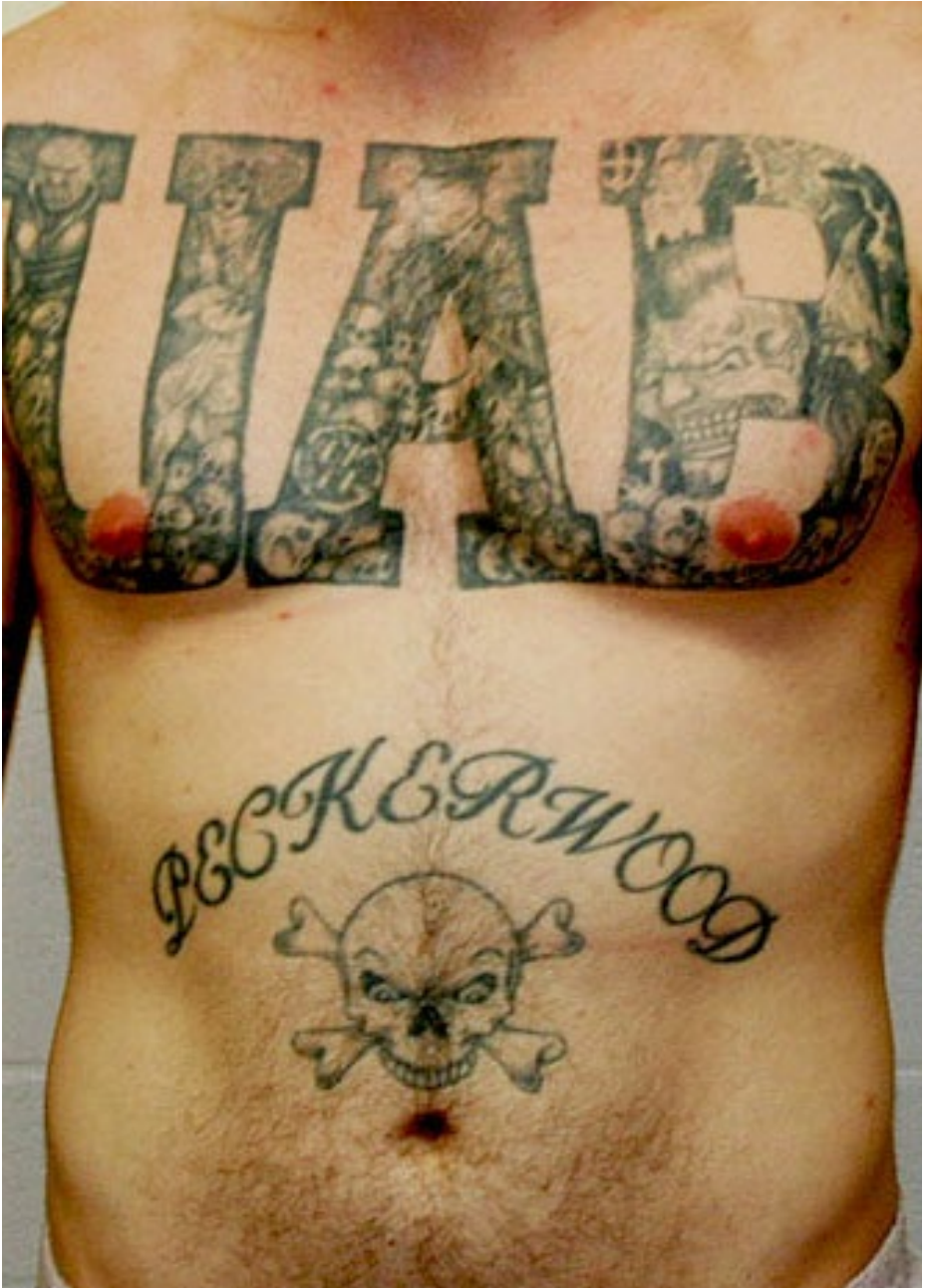
Shield with swastika, SS bolts, and iron cross; AB of Mississippi; Irish words Sinn Fein (meaning We Ourselves)



Universal Aryan Brotherhood of Oklahoma; Nazi war eagle; SS lightning bolts; 88 (for Heil Hitler)



Universal Aryan Brotherhood; SS lightning bolts



Universal Aryan Brotherhood (UAB) or Oklahoma Aryan Brotherhood; Peckerwood; death head; UAB patch (SS bolts in a circle) located at the bottom of the letter A in UAB



**BROTHERHOOD  
FOREVER**





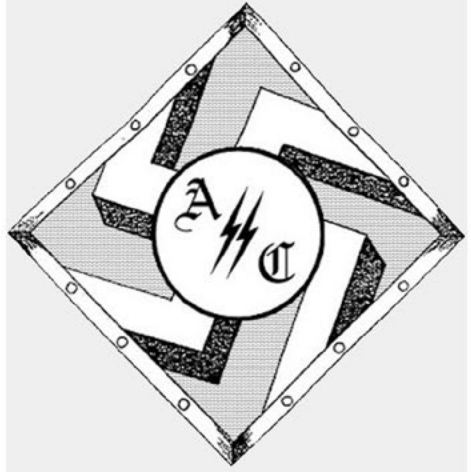
(U//LES) Brotherhood Forever (BF), also known as the Tennessee Aryan Brotherhood. Their tattoos include SS bolts with Brotherhood Forever; swastikas, the numbers 14/88; 2662, the alphabetic reference for BFFB (Brotherhood Forever, Forever Brotherhood); letters LHR for Loyalty, Honor, and Respect; and Brothers Before Others.



SiegHeil, a Nazi salute meaning hail to victory; SS bolts; Brotherhood Forever



BF/FB (Brotherhood Forever; Forever Brotherhood) on an Iron Cross with a swastika



# ARYAN CIRCLE





(U//LES) The Aryan Circle (AC) was founded in the Texas prison system. Their tattoos include two SS lightning bolts inside a circle; the letters AC inside a circle; a diamond shape with a swastika in the middle; the numbers 1 and 3 representing the letters A and C of the alphabet. AC members sometimes have their “patch number” within the tattoo. There are other tattoos specific to the AC, such as “Honorary Brothers;” “ACTF” for “Aryan Circle Task Force;” and “CF” for “Chemical Free” superimposed over a diamond.





AC inside a diamond with a swastika, Iron Cross, and SS bolts



1 and 3 representing the letters A and C of the alphabet inside a diamond



1 and 3 representing AC in the alphabet



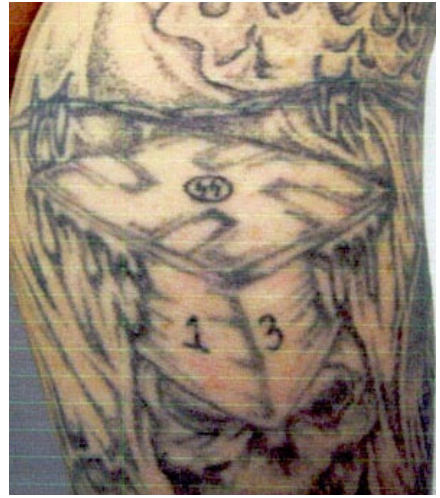
AC in a circle within a swastika inside a diamond



Aryan Circle; Viking inside a swastika



Aryan Circle of Texas; swastika within a diamond with circle and SS bolts



Circle with SS bolts; 1 and 3 representing A and C



Aryan Circle enclosing diamond with swastika, circle, and SS bolts



# ARYAN NATION



(U//LES) The Aryan Nation (AN) is the largest white supremacist group in the Tennessee Department of Corrections. The gang, separate and unconnected to the original “neo-Nazi” Aryan Nations group, functions as a prison gang, but holds to the ideology that the white race is superior. The main identifying symbol is a rounded Celtic Cross with different symbols in each of the four quadrants to include the initials AN (Aryan Nation), the number 14/88 (14 words and Heil Hitler), swastikas, SS bolts, and other symbols. Some identifying phrases are One Nation, L/H/R (Loyalty, Honor, and Respect), and Wood (for peckerwood).



AN, SS bolts, and swastika inside Celtic Cross;  
White Pride World Wide



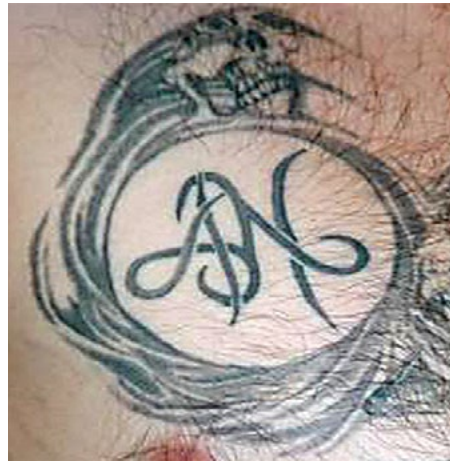
AN, SS bolts, and prison bars inside a Celtic Cross; White Pride World Wide; lightning bolts (the tips of the AN lightning bolts are pointed, as opposed to the squared ends of the Aryan Brotherhood bolts).



AN emblem on top of an iron cross



White Pride World Wide with the initials AN and lightning bolts inside a Celtic Cross



AN Emblem with 88 and 14; letters LHR for Loyalty, Honor, and Respect; wolfsangel with crowned sword, a symbol used by the old neo-Nazi Aryan Nations group

AN (Aryan Nation Crest)



SS lightning bolts; One Nation (Aryan Nation)



Aryan Nation patch, the shield used by the older neo-Nazi Aryan Nations group



AN (Aryan Nation Crest)



Self-styled Aryan Nation shield; 14 (14 words) and 88 (Heil Hitler)





# 211 CREW





(U//LES) The 211 Crew, also known as the Aryan Alliance or Brotherhood of Aryan Alliance, was founded in the Colorado Department of Corrections in 1995. The gang reportedly takes its name from the California criminal code for robbery (211) and has a history of extreme violence against African Americans and law enforcement. Their main tattoo is a triangular symbol made of interlocking arms, with hands grasping lightning bolts, and number 211 in the center. 211 is also a numeric code for the letters BAA, which stands for Brotherhood of Aryan Alliance. Additional tattoos include common white supremacist symbols.



211 Crew



Ball cap with 211



Shirt with 211



Flames with demon heads and 211 Crew



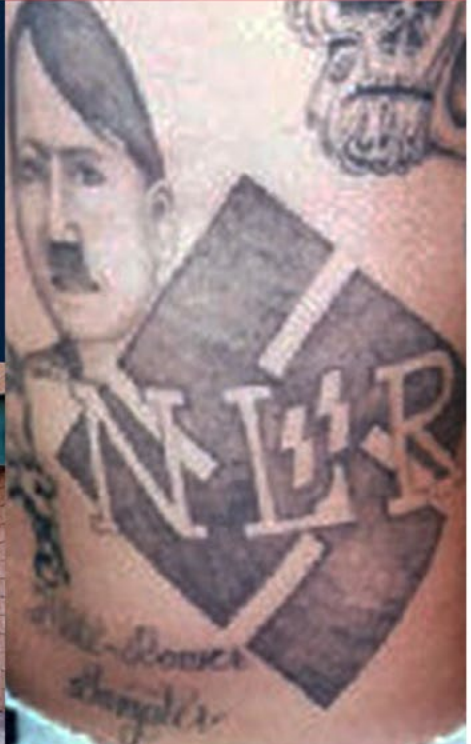
211 Crew inside an iron cross



Roman numerals II and XI representing the numbers 211; Crew



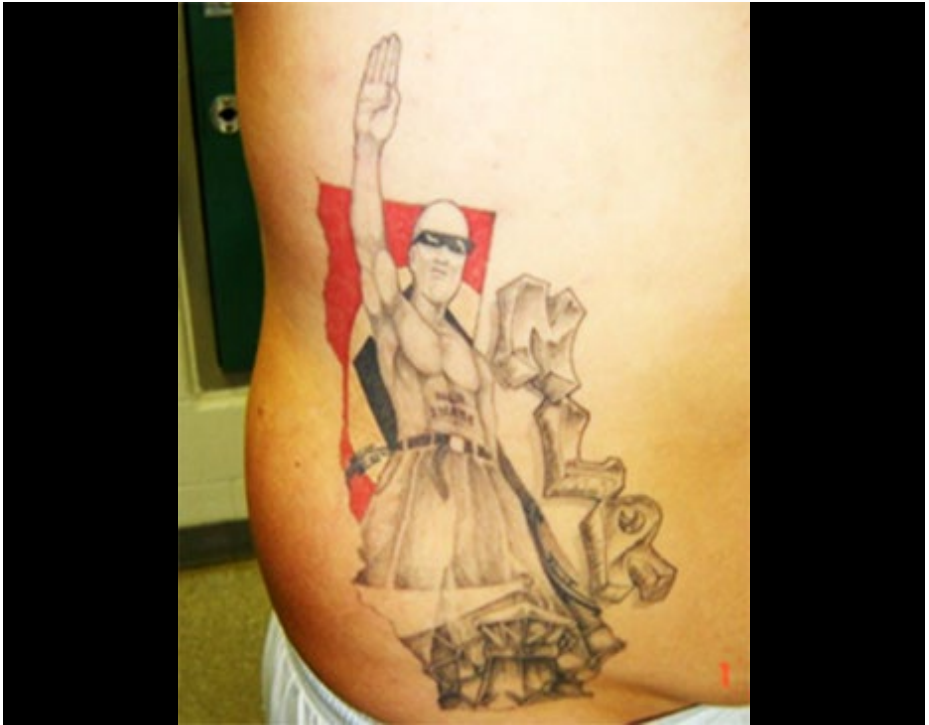
# NAZI LOW RIDER





(U//LES) The Nazi Low Riders (NLR) formed in the 1970s as a white supremacist gang in the California Youth Authority. They are considered both a street and prison gang. The NLR are aligned with the California Aryan Brotherhood, which recruits heavily from their ranks. The NLR tattoos include the letters NLR; the name Nazi Low Rider; Nordic runes; devil horns; demons; pictures of Adolph Hitler; Nazi imagery; and eagle or eagle skeleton.





NLR; Hitler Salute used as a greeting in Nazi Germany by both military and civilians meaning Hail to Hitler. Nazi Low Riders in the federal prison system once campaigned to make this their national symbol.



FTB (Fuck the Brand) is a small group of NLR members that broke away to form their own gang because they did not want to align themselves with the California Aryan Brotherhood



NLR; Nazi War Bird; San Francisco Bay Aryan





# PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER 1 (PENI)





(U//LES) Public Enemy Number 1 (PENI) is a violent California-based gang that operates both on the streets and in prison, where they initially acted as foot soldiers for the California Aryan Brotherhood. In recent years the gang has expanded, increasing their criminal activities. Their tattoos include the words Public Enemy Number 1; PENI; Peni Death Squad; Peni Skin; or the numbers 737 which represent PDS on telephone touch pads; neo-Nazi tattoos; Viking imagery; Odinic symbols.



PENi



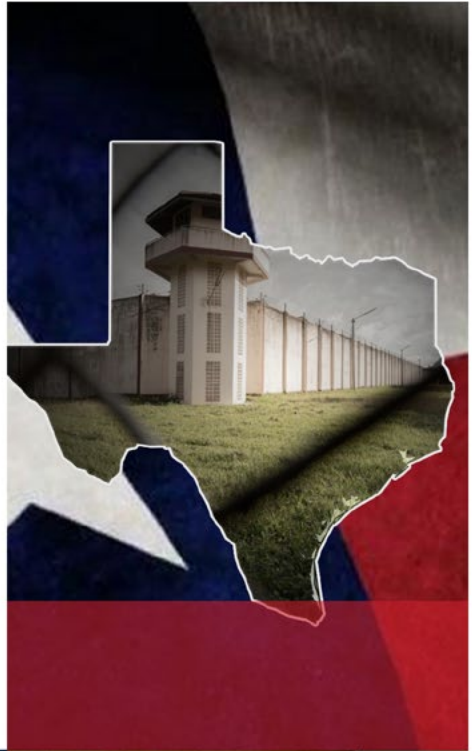
Penl over swastika



PENI DEATH SQUAD;  
swastika

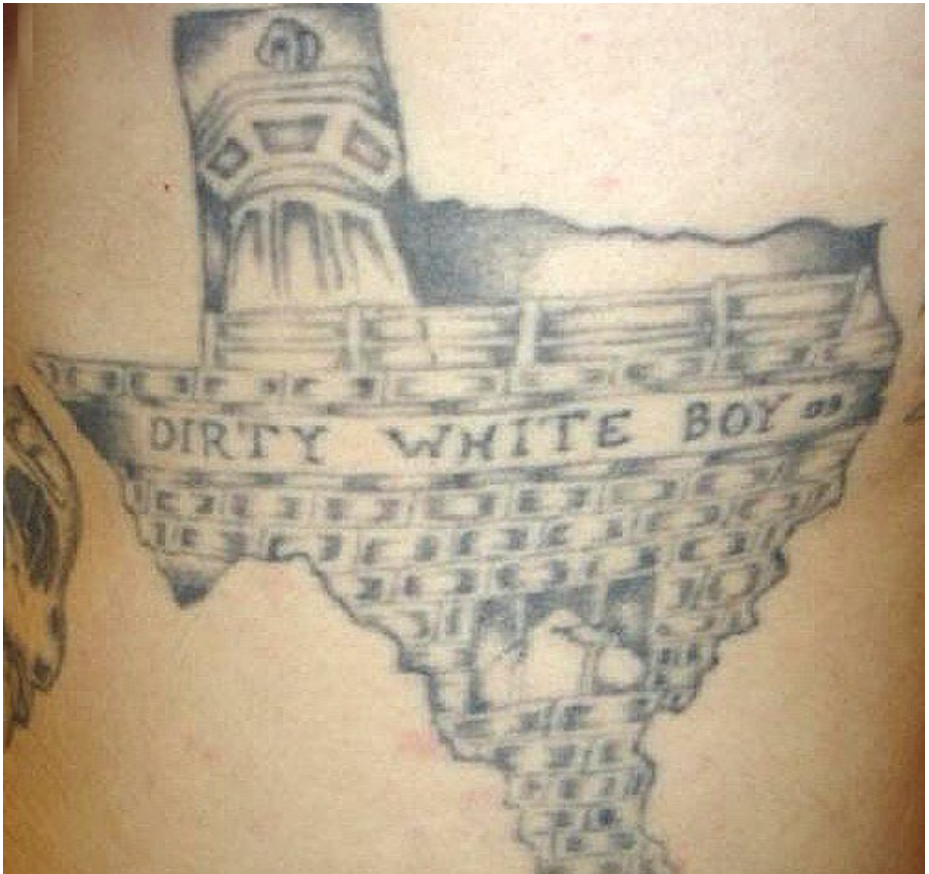


PeniSkins;  
Celtic Cross



## DIRTY WHITE BOYS (DWB)





(U//LES) The Dirty White Boys (DWB) formed in the El Reno Federal Correctional Institution in Oklahoma in 1985, where they adopted their name from a prison softball team. The DWB made Texas their headquarters, and they have since spread throughout the United States. Their tattoos include the initials DWB; the phrase Dirty White Boys; an outline of the state of Texas with a prison tower and a brick wall (which is their patch); a brick wall usually displaying the words Dirty White Boys or DWB; and an outline of the state where the gang member is located.



DWB; prison wall shaped like New York with prison bars and tower



Dirty White Boys; SS bolts



DWB; outline of Texas;  
prison bars



DWB; brick wall shaped like  
Illinois with prison bars and  
prison tower



DWB; prison bars



## EUROPEAN KINDRED (EK)







(U//LES) European Kindred (EK) originated in the Oregon Department of Corrections. Their tattoo consists of the letters EK or 511 inside a shield. The 5 represents the fifth letter of the alphabet and the 11 represents the letter K.



European Kindred; EK shield



The top of the EK Shield shaped like a W means the tattoo was earned in prison and is called the Prison Shield



The top of the EK Shield comes to a point means the tattoo was earned outside of prison and is known as the Street Shield



EK California



Younger members of EK now call themselves "Young Guns"



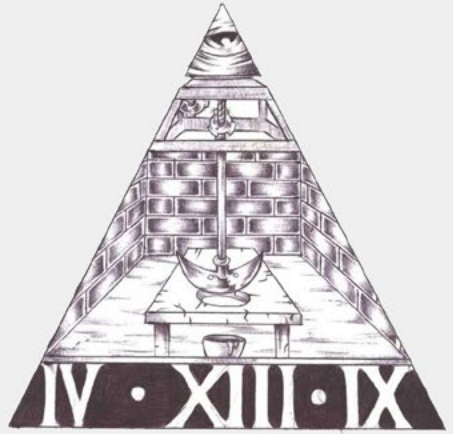
# SOLDIERS OF ARYAN CULTURE



(U//LES) Soldiers of Aryan Culture (SAC) is a Utah-based white supremacist prison gang. They primarily use the letters SAC as their tattoo. They also use a swastika superimposed on an iron cross. Members with leadership use red to color the words SAC or the swastika.



SAC; swastika superimposed on iron cross; White Power



# DEAD MAN INCORPORATED (DMI)



(U//LES) Dead Man Incorporated (DMI) is primarily a Maryland-based prison gang, but members have been reported in the prison system in Virginia, North Carolina, and Delaware. Though DMI is predominately a white male prison gang, some African American members have been identified in the Maryland Division of Corrections. DMI tattoos include the words Dead Man; a pyramid with an all-seeing eye on top; the numbers 4 13 and 9 to represent the letters DMI in the alphabet; and DAWG (DMI Against World Government) or FOMF (Flesh of My Flesh).





Pyramid with eye; 4-13-9 for DMI



Pyramid with eye on top;  
FOMF (Flesh of my Flesh)



DAWG (DMI Against World  
Government)





DMI with pyramid and guns



Roman numerals IV, XIII, and IX to represent letters DMI in the alphabet



DMI; hands holding a pyramid with an eye at the top



Roman numerals IV, XIII, and IX to represent letters DMI in the alphabet; pyramid with eye at the top



## FAMILY AFFILIATED IRISH MAFIA (FAIM)



(U//LES) Family Affiliated Irish Mafia (FAIM) is a California street gang in the San Francisco Bay Area with ties to the Aryan Brotherhood. They wear the shamrock tattoo to signify their affiliation with the Aryan Brotherhood.





Shamrock with FAIM; spider web on elbow



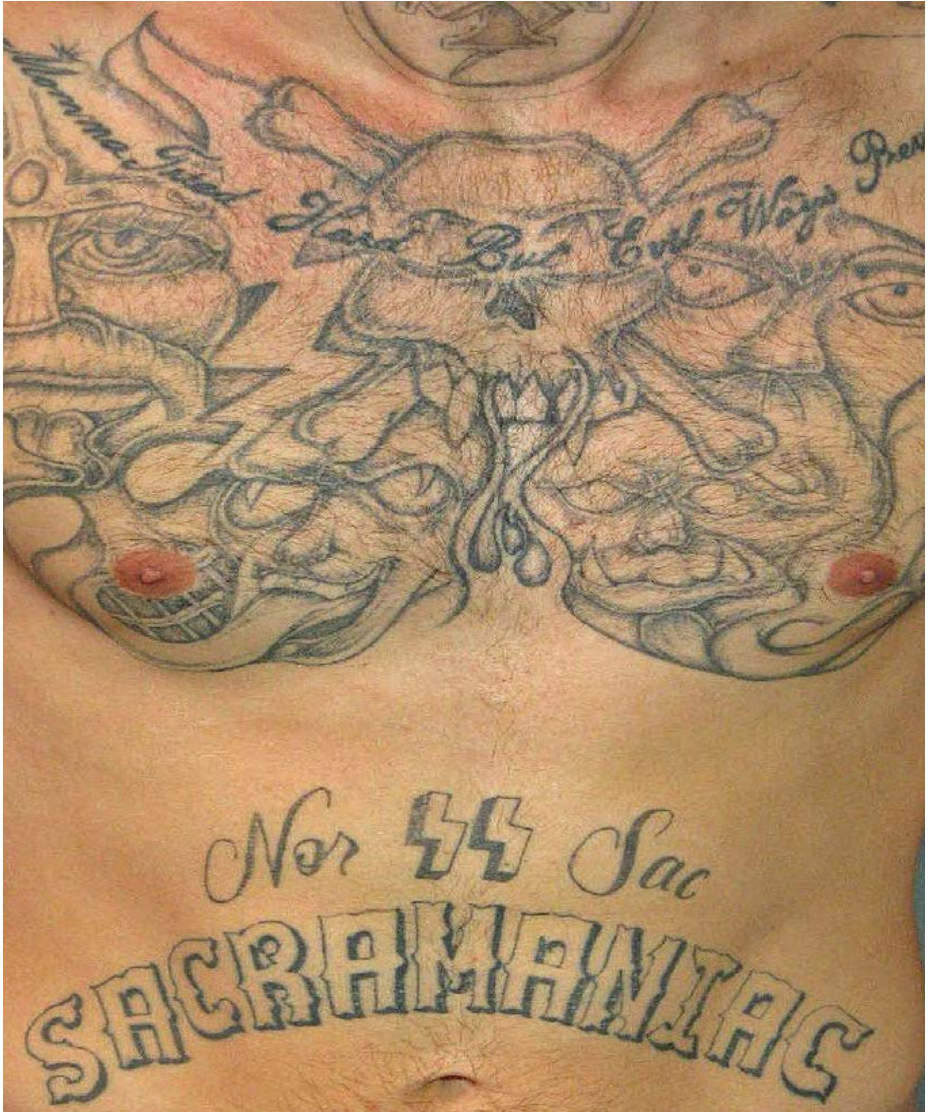
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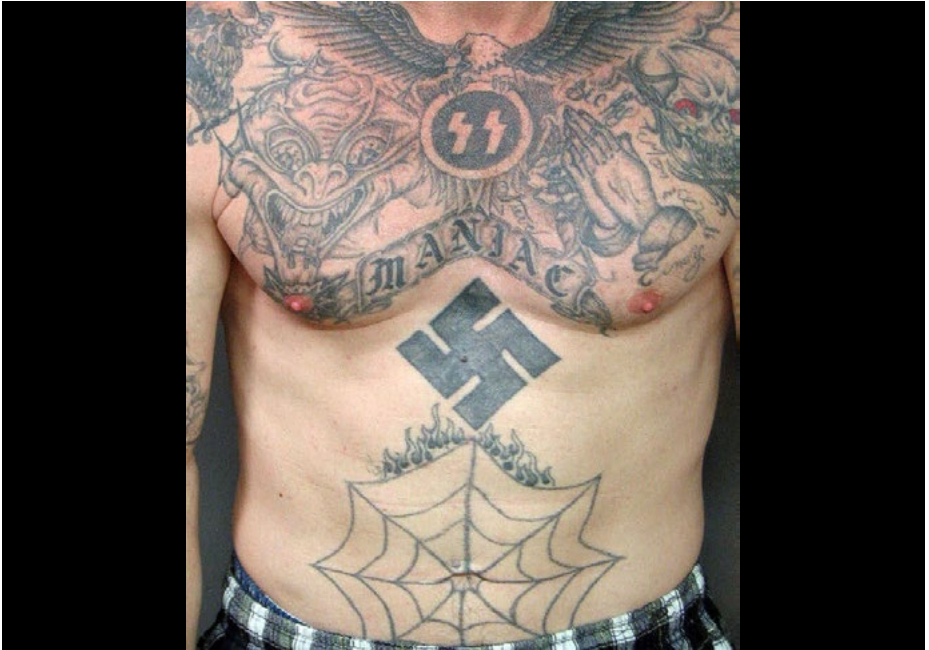


# SACRAMANIAC



(U//LES) Sacramaniacs are a street gang that formed in Sacramento. Their tattoos consist of the word Sacramaniac, which can be broken up into two words. The Sacramaniacs shield is a fivesided shield or crest that contains letters, such as SSM, NSS, NSM, or S, signifying their membership in the gang. They also use White Supremacist tattoos, such as swastikas, SS bolts, White Pride, White Power, or a swastika intermingled with an iron cross.





Maniac; eagle with encircled SS bolts;  
swastika; spider web



Sacramaniac; shield with NSM gang designation  
(there is one extra letter "S" shaped as a Nazi SS lightning bolt, which  
is common in their designations)



# ARYAN KNIGHTS





(U//LES) The Aryan Knights (AK) originated in the Idaho Department of Corrections. Their tattoos consist of the word Aryan Knight; the letters AK; and the numbers 1 and 11, representing the letters A and K of the alphabet.



AK with shamrock



Aryan Knight



## COMMON WHITE GANG TATTOOS



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Iron Cross with 88, 14, Nazi, and small Swastika



Swastika; Viking head



White Pride; Thor's hammer



White Pride; swastika



White Pride in iron cross



SS lightning bolts; swastikas



14; 88; swastika; SS bolts



14 (the 14 words); 88 (for Heil Hitler); the Nazi War Bird with a swastika



Iron cross with an othatarune;  
the 14 words: We must secure  
the existence of our people and a  
future for white children



Nazi war bird with a swastika



Viking; spider web



Thor's Hammer with the Othalarune, a favorite symbol of white supremacists



Nazi totenkophor death's head



Celtic Cross



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