

GROWTH and DEVELOPMENT (formerly Gangster Disciples)

Originally a Chicago based gang, the Black Gangster Disciples (The Folks) were established in the 80's in the penitentiary system. They adopted the six point Star of David after their leader and founder, David Barksdale was slain. The Gangster Disciples are allied with the Los Angeles based Crips. Their style of dress and graffiti is very similar. The Gangster Disciples operate a sophisticated drug network worth over \$100 million a year. This network spreads across the country. Their current leader is Larry "King" Hoover. Chairman Hoover operates from a Illinois' penitentiary.

Growth and Development Identifiers

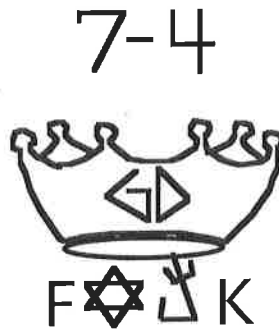
Colors: Blue, black, white and gray; preferably blue, and black

Alignment: Clothing and signature items are worn to the right. Caps are tilted to the right, hair ties are wore on the right wrist, tattoos are done on the right hand or arm, bandanas are wore in the right pocket. . .

Slogan: All is One

Primary symbol is the six point star.

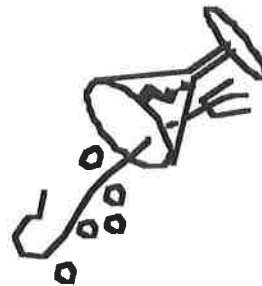
Common graffiti:



Graffiti disrespecting other gangs:



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VICE LORDS

The Vice Lords (People) are also a Chicago based gang. Over the years the gang has split into many factions with separate leadership structures. The leader of the Unknown Vice Lords, Willie Lloyd, lives in Minnesota as do leaders of the Almighty Vice Lord Nation. The more common area factions present in Beltrami County include the Almighty Vice Lord Nation (A.V.L.N.), the Conservative Vice Lord Nation (C.V.L.N.), the Insane Vice Lords (I.V.L.) and the Renegade Vice Lords (R.V.L.). The Almighty and Conservative Vice Lords are well organized in the gang trade. Vice Lords are sometimes allied with the Los Angeles based gang the Bloods. Bloods tend to dress in red rather than yellow, or a Chicago Bulls motif. The Vice Lords compete with the Gangster Disciples in drug trafficking and other gang related trades. They very seldom collaborate.

Vice Lord Identifiers

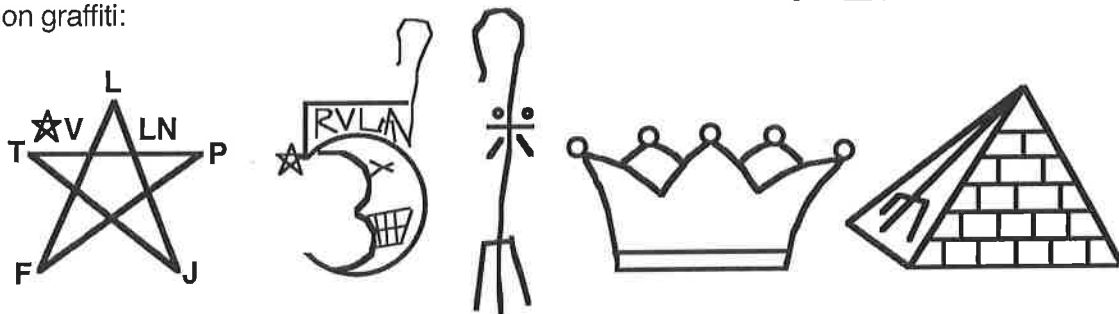
Colors: Yellow, gold, black, and white, increasingly red.

Alignment: Clothing and signature items are worn to the left (Vice Lord- very left). Caps are tilted to the left, hair ties are wore on the left wrist, tattoos are done on the left hand or arm, bandanas are wore in the left pocket. . .

Slogan: All is Well

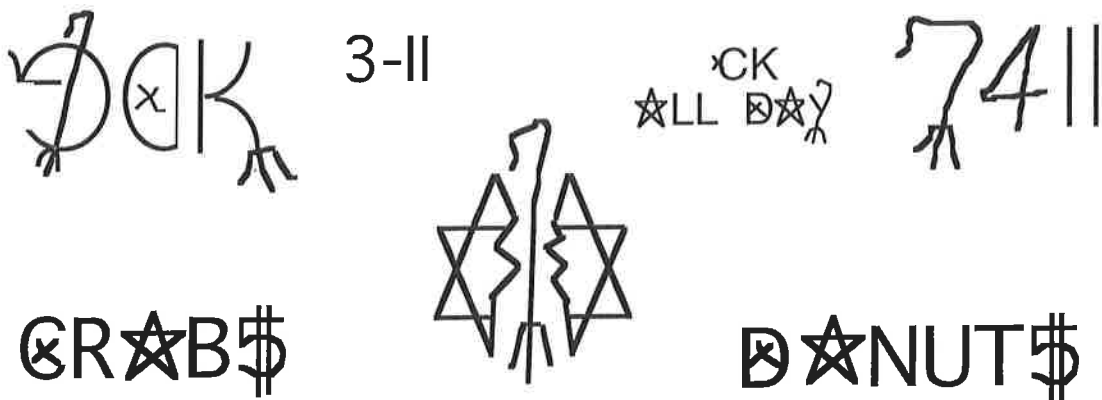
Primary symbol is the five point star.

Common graffiti:



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Graffiti disrespecting other gangs:

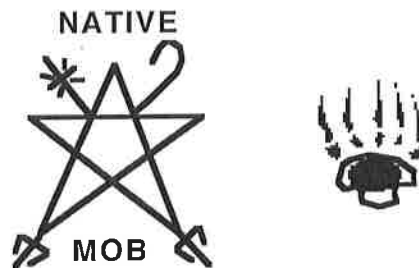


Other Area Gangs

Native Style: Native Style started out as a prison gang. It has gained power over the last few years. The gang may be surpassing the Native Mob in control of drug trafficking in Minnesota. It is not evident rather they will cooperate or compete with the Native Mob. Native Style members are older, hardened, criminals. They are not actively recruiting youth. They have organized female auxiliaries. The key leaders are believed to be earning over a million dollars a year in illegal drug profits.

Shadow Mob- This is a group of young, ambitious drug dealers that grew up on the Leech Lake Reservation. They were grandiose and well armed. Members robbed an elder at knife point in her own home to steal her prescribed pain killers. The roots of their gang murky. Many of the members idolized the Native Mob. Most of their members have been incarcerated on murder charges. Most if not all of the Shadow Mob members are now claiming affiliation with the Native Mob.

The Native Mob fractured off the Vice Lords. Some had close ties and were being reunited over time. More recently the Native Mob have drawn other Native Americans away from the Vice Lords. The shift in power began in the prisons. The Native Mob found the black organized crime sets with their emphasis on Islam to be too foreign. They are looking for something they can own and operate to serve their own interests. They do not think of themselves as a gang in the same sense as nationally affiliated gangs. They do not necessarily ascribe to any particular colors, some dress in the former Vice Lord motif others sport gray, white and black. They are well armed, violent drug dealers who agree to work together. Many of the individuals are related or have grown up together. They do not target other gang members per se, but they do target potential competitors and they do back each other up. They are more feared, "respected", because many are convicted criminals, capable of extreme violence.



Crips: Crips and their enemies, the Bloods, are Los Angeles based gangs that tend to parallel the Chicago based Gangster Disciples and Vice Lords. I mention the Crips because they appear to have a core of serious members that are engaged in criminal activity in the Bemidji area. Colors: Very similar to Gangster Disciple, however, they tend to prefer light, baby blue over the GD dark blue. Typically they dress in light blue and black. Primary symbol is the five point star. Here's where it gets confusing. The Crips use the 5 point star to differentiate themselves from the GDs. Alignment: Clothing and signature items are generally worn to the left. In Bemidji they may align to the right to distance themselves from Vice Lords.

B5VP- LA based, Blood S(5)tone Villain Pirus. Colors, like other Bloods are in the Chicago Bulls motif, with red as a primary color. Youth in our area have been wearing South Pole attire in red. The S and P reflect the Stone Piru initials in their name. Alignment is inconsistent throughout the US, but in our area the Bloods align to the left. Like Vice Lord, they use a five point star. The Bloods are very trendy in the Red Lake area. They are a couple of self appointed authorities that are recruiting heavily. The lead individual creates elaborate web sites and links friends together. Law Enforcement officials have shut down a couple of piczo sites. He has created a third on bebo.com that is currently up and running. Grade school kids are being seduced by the image and are coming to school with Piru gang graffiti on their notebooks. Blood activity is also present in Bemidji, Bagley, Cass Lake and Thief River. Some Darkside Piru have emerged in Bemidji.

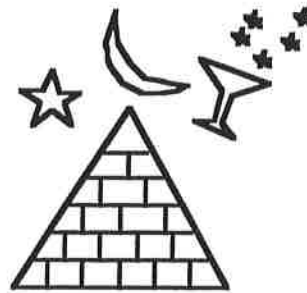
Imperial Red Nation Klick: IRNK or RNK calls itself an organization (not a gang) for native people for the betterment of native people. They have adopted the Circle of Courage/ Circle of Life as their primary symbol. They are culturally/ racially exclusive. They listen to only native made music, no black rap or hip-

hop allowed. Members are encouraged to be involved in native cultural events, observances etc. As with other gangs, they discourage drug use within their ranks. However, this does not prevent them from selling drugs to others. This is not a culturally based, philanthropic organization. The inventor of this homespun clique is successfully recruiting hardcore gang members from others gangs. They strive for a legitimate look, but are primarily selling drugs for cash. Some of the original leaders have been run off the Red Lake reservation and have moved to Wisconsin. They make trips back and forth.

OTG- Original Tract Girls from Tract 33 in Cass Lake. The current OTG consists of little sisters and friends of the original all girl gang members. They are into scrapping, intimidation, drugs and alcohol. There has been a reappearance of persons identifying with Tract 33. The 33 Boys have graffiti in the area. The tag has the Vicelords fork as the "T".



3AK- The individuals involved in this gang primarily live east of Central Avenue in Cass Lake between Highway 2 and the railroad tracks. Most of the youth say the name originated from a Cities' gang- The third avenue killers. They present as a Vice Lord subset. They are into violence, intimidation and drugs. In a recent bust, a member was carrying two handguns. Tattoos have been found with the signature 3AK on the left arm and other common Vice symbols. They primarily dress in black.



Native Kings- This is a juvenile group from the Mission area in Cass Lake. They have been threatening and piling vulnerable persons in their neighborhood. A member has a 'NK' with a crown tattoo.

ABM- Allen's Bay Mob.

TVK- Tooterville Kings

TNS- True Native Soldiers. These individuals are Bemidji based. They have relatives in Onigum and connections to other gangs including the Native Mob. We don't know if this fledging gang will be an independent effort or a subset of a larger group.

Nymore Riders- This is a group of teens living or frequenting the Nymore area east of Bemidji. These are basically delinquent youth with too much time on their hands. They tend to dress in tan clothing. Most of the members have Vice Lord connections, perhaps a subset of the Vice Lords.

Northwest Natives and the M.O.B.- (money over bitches), Mahnomen/ White Earth area