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**GANG/GRAFFITI
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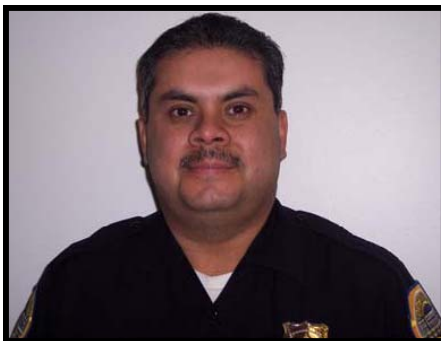
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There are three major types of graffiti;

TAGGING, BOMBING, and PIERCING.

Tagging is the act of marking or painting one's tag (pseudonym, alias). An experienced tagger will spend less than ten seconds on their mark, and can therefore leave tags in risky areas with little chance of being caught. Tags are commonly seen on postage boxes, parking meters, billboards, freeways signs, and rest rooms. Since they require very little time and they accordingly have little artistic merit.

Bombing entails spending at most only a few minutes to create a one or two color letter scheme based on the writer's tag name. Bombs are almost as pervasive as tags, popping up in alleyways, trains and subway station.

Piecing is the highest echelon of modern graffiti. Pieces are large murals done with the utmost of care to illustrate the best an artist can do. Hours, if not days are invested along with copious amounts of paint.

Facts about Gangs

There are several hundred gang-related crimes in Polk County annually. These crimes include homicide, felony assault, robbery, and other crimes.

In Polk County there are over 30 active gangs.

Since 2005 there has been a 25% increase in gang graffiti.

Total for 2006- 1,083 gang graffiti cases.

Neighborhood Involvement

A gang's power grows through instilling fear and intimidation in rivals and citizens alike. Citizen action groups, such as Neighborhood Watch or Neighborhood Patrols, can counter this.

A neighborhood that is united and dedicated to a spirit of cooperation toward stopping crime and violence will greatly hamper a gang's efforts to intimidate and victimize

!Verlo! !Reportelo! !Parelo!

GRAFFITI

**Reportelo a la Policia de Des Moines
237-4811**

**Graffiti/Linea Directa
237-1808
(No-emergencia)**

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Hispanic Gangs

THESE TWO GANGS ARE KNOWN RIVALS

SURENO-13

MBC (My Barrio Criminal)

APS (Aztec Pride Sureno)

HPS (High Power Sureno)

LOS (Loc Out Sureno)

PBS (Play Boyz Sureno)

SCG (San Anna Crip Gang)

CCG (Certified Crip Gang)

NORTENO 14

LRL (La Raza Loca)

XIV-14

LP (Latin Pachuco)

RD (Raza Deep)

MD (Mob Deep)

AK (Aztec Kings)

ALSO

18TH Street (18)

MS-13 (Mara Salvatrucha) } RIVALS

Des Moines Metro Area Gangs

18th ST *

American Mexican Pride

Asian Mafia Family

Asian Pride Family

Aztec King

Blood *

Brown & Proud

Brown Pride

C Block *

Crip *

Dynamite Click

El Forastero *

ESR (Eastside Rider) *

Florencia 13

Gangster Disciple *

Goone Squad

KKK

Latin King *

LP (Latin Puchucos) *

LRL (La Raza Loca) *

MOB

MS 13 *

Norteno *

P Stone

Poor Side Loco

Raza Deep *

Satans Disciple

Skinhead

Southside Thug

SOS

Street Villain

SUR 13 *

Vice Lords *

Westside Villain

White Supremacist

Young and Krazy Gangster

* Marked the Gangs with the most activity in DM.

This Booklet represents the most recent Gangs and Graffiti in the Metro Area.

Gang / Graffiti Hotline
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GANG-EASTSIDE RIDERS

SYMBOLS-ESR OR ESR 515

COLORS-RED/BLACK

*GANGS ARE KNOWN TO CHANGE COLORS

GANGSTER DISCIPLES NATION



CLOTHES: RAIDERS JACKETS

74 "G" is the 7th letter of the alphabet and "D" is the 4th letter of the alphabet.

6 Number 6 is for the six pointed star

ALL IS ONE

The "All for One, One for All" philosophy poses a significant threat; members demand participation in assaultive behavior by all members who are present.

BOS Brothers of Struggle

VICE LORDS



The Circle Seven stands for the seven Acts or Prayers of the holy Koran. The circle is 360 degrees of knowledge that Black people once ruled the earth, and will do so again. The Sun represents the rising of truth in the Black Nation.



The Martini Glass represents celebration and class in the Vice Lord Nation.



The points of the 5 Pointed Star stand for Love, Truth, Justice, Freedom, and Peace. Also an identifier of the People Nation.



The Playboy rabbit with straight ears represents the awareness and quickness of the Vice Lords.



The Top Hat represents shelter for the Vice Lords.



The Crescent Moons represent the splitting of the Black Nation into two halves, the East and the West.



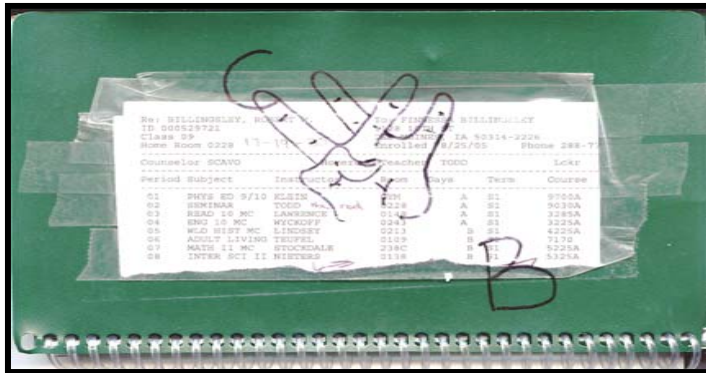
The Cane represents the strength of the Vice Lord Nation. You will often see the cane going through a Top Hat, which means that Vice Lords control the area.



GANG- NORTENO

SYMBOLS- NORTE, XIV, 14
COLORS— RED

*GANGS ARE KNOWN TO CHANGE COLORS



GANG-C-BLOCK

SYMBOLS- C & B OR C-BLOCK

COLORS-BLACK OR BLUE



GANG-RAZA DEEP

SYMBOLS-RD OR RAZA DEEP

COLORS-BLACK/GREY

*GANGS ARE KNOWN TO CHANGE COLORS

LATIN KINGS



The points of the 5 Pointed Star stand for Love, Truth, Justice, Freedom, and Peace, Also an identifier of the People Nation.



The Playboy rabbit with straight ears means the Kings are classy, and fond of the ladies.



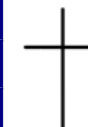
The 5-pointed Crown stands for shelter in the Latin King Nation. The points represent Love, Honor, Obedience, Righteousness, and Sacrifice.



The Cane stands for strength, and support of one another.



The Kings will often display graffiti that is disrespectful to the Gangster Disciples, their main rivals. This graffiti will be written upside-down or backwards.



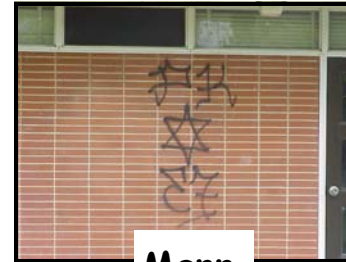
The Cross is a sign of their devotion to the gang, as to a family or a religion.



GANG- 18TH STREET
SYMBOLS- 18 XV3
COLORS- BLUE OR BLACK

*GANGS ARE KNOWN TO CHANGE COLORS

Graffiti Found Around The Metro Schools



Mann



East



Moore



Lincoln



Indianola, IA



Hoover



Merle Hay Mall



Capitol View



GANG- 18TH STREET
SYMBOLS- 18 XV3
COLORS- BLUE OR BLACK

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GANG- MARA SALVATRUCHA

SYMBOLS- MS-13, XIII

COLORS- BLACK/BLUE

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