

A stylized, high-contrast illustration in shades of red and black. It depicts three men in suits and ties, rendered in a graphic, almost stencil-like style. The man in the center is the most prominent, looking directly forward with a serious expression. Behind him to the left and right are two other men, also in suits, looking slightly to the side. The background consists of horizontal black stripes on a red field, with a cluster of red stars in the bottom right corner, mimicking the American flag. The overall aesthetic is bold and graphic.

A TRADITION OF VIOLENCE

50 Years of Deputy Gangs in the
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

WHY GANGS AND NOT:

“CLIQUE”
“FRATERNITIES”
“SUBGROUPS”

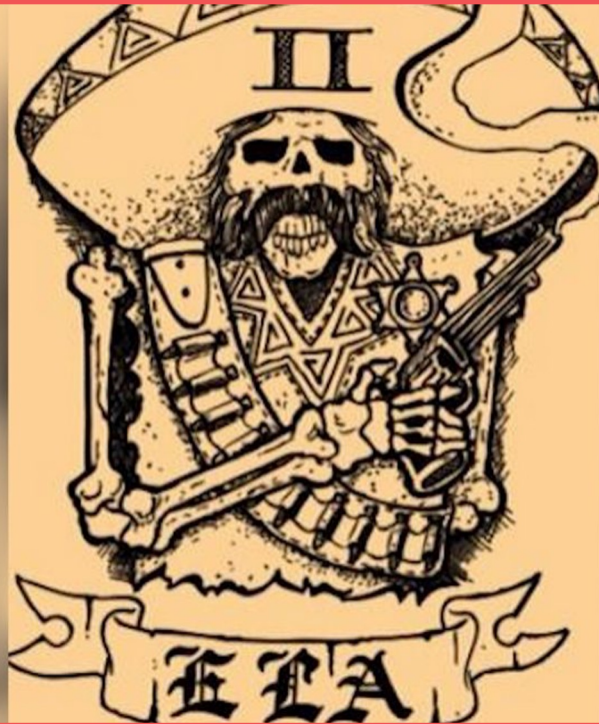
SHERIFF’S
GANGS FIT THE
DESCRIPTION

SECTION 186.22
CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE

Criminal
Gang

1

**HAS A COMMON
NAME OR
IDENTIFYING SIGN
OR SYMBOL.**



SECTION 186.22 | CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE

2

HAS, AS ONE OF ITS PRIMARY ACTIVITIES, THE COMMISSION OF ONE OF A LONG LIST OF CALIFORNIA CRIMINAL OFFENSES

A new lawsuit describes a violent gang in LA County. Its members are deputy sheriffs.

The “Banditos” say they’re a fraternal club for LA deputies. But critics allege that the group violently harasses civilians — and other officers.

By P.R. Lockhart | Oct 11, 2019, 7:30pm EDT

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SECTION 186.22 | CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE

3

**WHOSE MEMBERS
HAVE ENGAGED
IN A “PATTERN
OF CRIMINAL GANG
ACTIVITY” ...EITHER
ALONE OR TOGETHER**

NEWS DEPUTY GANGS LA COUNTY LASD

17 New Defendants Identified in Ongoing Suit Against the Banditos and LASD

More names have been revealed in connection with alleged ties to the Banditos deputy gang.

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The Pink Hand, Big Listo, and Crook

Shot callers in the Banditos took over the East LA Sheriff's Station, but the war didn't stop.

Cerise Castle | April 2, 2021



LASD LOS ANGELES COUNTY POLICE BRUTALITY

Los Banditos

East LA Station has been a notorious LASD gang hub for decades, but not every deputy is welcome.

Cerise Castle | April 1, 2021



LASD

Cerise Castle | April 1, 2021

LASD LA COUNTY POLICE BRUTALITY

The Carnage

The Banditos intensify their reign of terror and torment the living family members of the innocent people they kill.

Cerise Castle | April 5, 2021

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“Clique”





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**KEY
HIGHLIGHTS
FROM:**

**A TRADITION OF VIOLENCE:
A HISTORY OF DEPUTY GANGS IN THE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

1

**OVER THE PAST 50
YEARS, AT LEAST 18
DEPUTY GANGS HAVE
FORMED IN THE
LASD.**

2

**DEPUTY GANGS WERE INVOLVED IN THE
DEATHS OF AT LEAST 19 CIVILIANS.**

**ALL WERE
MEN OF COLOR**

**FOUR WERE
STRUGGLING WITH
THEIR MENTAL
HEALTH**

 LOS ANGELES COUNTY KEEPS A LIST OF LAWSUITS
RELATED TO DEPUTY GANGS.

 KNOCK LA MAINTAINS A DATABASE OF DEPUTIES
ALLEGED TO BE ASSOCIATES AND TATTOOED
MEMBERS OF DEPUTY GANGS.

 LITIGATION RELATED TO THESE CASES HAS COST THE
COUNTY OVER \$100 MILLION OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS.

OFFICIALS AT VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INCLUDING:

LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW

THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

**THE CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON POLICE OFFICER CONDUCT**

THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

**HAVE HEARD TESTIMONY ON THE VIOLENCE INFLICTED ON
COMMUNITIES AT THE HANDS OF DEPUTY GANGS FOR DECADES.**

THERE HAVE BEEN:

**NO MEANINGFUL INTERNAL
INVESTIGATIONS**

**NO SIGNIFICANT POLICY CHANGES
TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE**

THERE HAVE BEEN:

**PATTERNS OF DEPUTY GANG
VIOLENCE AGAINST COMMUNITY
MEMBERS**

DEPUTY VIOLENCE ON THE STREETS

 **RAIDS**

 **ILLEGAL DETAINMENT AND ARRESTS**

 **PHYSICAL ASSAULTS**

 **PLANTING/MANIPULATING EVIDENCE**

DEPUTY VIOLENCE ON THE STREETS

**HARASSMENT OF VICTIMS' FAMILY
MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
PRESS**

KILLINGS

DEPUTY VIOLENCE IN THE JAILS

 **BEATINGS—SOMETIMES TO THE POINT OF DEATH**

 **RAPE**

DEPUTY VIOLENCE IN THE JAILS

TASERS TO THE GENITALIA

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THERE HAVE BEEN:

**PATTERNS OF DEPUTY VIOLENCE AND
HARASSMENT AGAINST OTHER LASD
PERSONNEL**

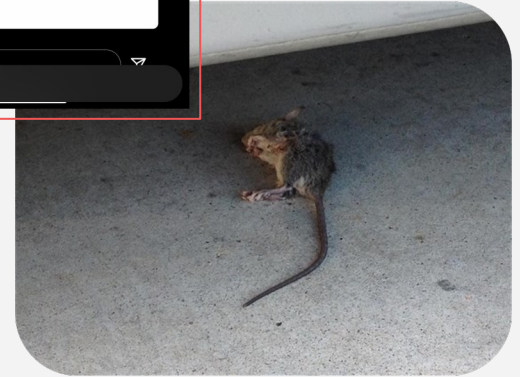
MOCKERY ON SOCIAL MEDIA **FALSIFYING REPORTS** **DENYING PROMOTIONS**

PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMS **PLACING DEAD ANIMALS ON PERSONAL AND/OR COUNTY PROPERTY**

THREATENING MURDER **POINTING GUNS** **DRIVE BY SHOOTINGS**

POSTED ON IG:

“WANTED TO BE A
BANDITO... BUT I’LL
SETTLE FOR THE RAT
CREW KING”



CASE STUDY:

HOW DEPUTY GANGS METASTASIZE

2010

CHRISTOPHER LEE WILDER'S JAW IS
BROKEN BY DEPUTY JAY BROWN
INSIDE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.

December 11, 2011

DEPUTY SAMUEL ALDAMA BEATS AL-
QUAN JACKSON, WHO IS
INCARCERATED INSIDE MCJ.

Both are alleged to be a 3000 Boys associates.

CASE STUDY:

HOW DEPUTY GANGS METASTASIZE

January 6, 2015

**BRIAN PICKETT KILLED BY DEPUTIES
RENE BARRAGAN, RYAN ROTHROCK
AND OTHERS.**

All are alleged to be Spartans associates.

April 10, 2015

**TESHAWN GATHIER SHOT BY JAY
BROWN AND OTHERS.**

All are alleged to be Spartans associates.

CASE STUDY:

January 15, 2016



HOW DEPUTY GANGS METASTASIZE

SAMUEL ALDAMA AND MIZRAIN
URREGU BEAT AND FALSELY
IMPRISONED SHELDON LOCKETT.

Both Deputies are tattooed Executioners.

CASE STUDY:

HOW DEPUTY GANGS METASTASIZE

March 16, 2016

CHRISTIAN MEDINA SHOT AND KILLED
BY RENE BARRAGAN, WHO KILLED
BRIAN PICKETT—AND JAY BROWN,
WHO SHOT TESHAWN GATHIER.

Both Deputies are alleged to be Spartans associates.

CASE STUDY:

HOW DEPUTY GANGS METASTASIZE

August 25, 2016

SAMUEL ALDAMA AND MIZRAIN URREGU SHOOT AND KILL DONTA TAYLOR.

August 16, 2017

KENNETH LEWIS KILLED BY RYAN ROTHROCK, WHO ALSO KILLED BRIAN PICKETT.

CASE STUDY:

HOW DEPUTY GANGS METASTASIZE

November 2, 2017

**RICARDO CENDEJAS JR. KILLED
AFTER HE WAS SEEN BY DEPUTY
SAMUEL ALDAMA AND OTHERS
HOLDING GUN AT HIS HOME.**

Aldama is a tattooed Executioner. All are alleged Spartans associates.

AT LEAST

3 ASSAULTS

1 NON-FATAL SHOOTING

5 DEATHS

ACROSS AT LEAST 3 DEPUTY GANGS

JAY BROWN

NON-FATAL SHOOTING

DEATH

SAMUEL ALDAMA 2 ASSAULTS

DEATHS

RENE BARRAGAN 2 DEATHS

RYAN ROTHROCK 2 DEATHS

MIZRAIN ORREGO_ 1 ASSAULT

DEATH

1 ASSAULT

1

1

2

1

LASD CULTURE:

✘ COUNTY CONTRACTS ALLEGEDLY
UNFILLED IN COMPTON

✘ BRUTAL ASSAULTS ON CHILDREN

LASD CULTURE: HUNTING

DEP. ANGEL REINOSA DESCRIBED “HUNTING” AS SEARCHING FOR AN ARREST STATISTIC

UTILIZING MINOR VIOLATIONS IN ORDER TO STOP
A VEHICLE, PRIORITIZING THOSE DRIVEN BY
PEOPLE OF COLOR.

Many people were not aware of their rights during traffic stops, and Reinoso says deputies would use that to their advantage

LASD CULTURE: **KILLING CIVILIANS**

**DEP. GREGORY VAN HOESEN KILLED
16-YEAR-OLD ANTHONY “AJ” WEBER
ON FEBRUARY 4, 2018**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SETTLED THIS FOR \$3.75
MILLION, FUNDED BY TAXPAYERS.



ON AUGUST 2, 2019, **DEPUTY
VAN HOESEN KILLS AGAIN.** THIS
TIME, 22-YEAR-OLD JAMAAL
SIMPSON.

**LASD:
AVOIDING
ACCOUNTABILITY**

 **NOT ADHERING TO SUBPOENAS
BEFORE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
COMMISSION**

 **FORBIDDING PERSONNEL FROM
PARTICIPATING IN COMMISSION
MEETINGS**

 **CPRA EVASIONS**

**LASD:
AVOIDING
ACCOUNTABILITY**

**COSMETIC FIXES (EX.
REMOVING INSIGNIAS FROM
STATION)**

**FIRINGS AND RE-HIRINGS NOT
PUBLIC**

**POLICIES TARGET NEW
RECRUITS FOR DEPUTY GANGS
AND DO NOTHING ABOUT
EXISTING MEMBERS**



**LASD:
AVOIDING
ACCOUNTABILITY**

DOUBLE-SPEAK FROM SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:



LASD:
ONGOING
THREATS TO
PUBLIC SAFETY

LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE
PROMOTES DEPUTY GANG
MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES:

LEE BACA | PAUL TANAKA | CECIL RHAMBO
ALEX VILLANUEVA | CAREN "CARL" MANDOYAN
CARRIE ROBLES

DISREGARD OF POLICIES AND
MANDATES

MEDIA COVERAGE





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CONCLUSIONS.

- ❖ THESE ARE DEPUTY GANGS
- ❖ PROBLEMATIC PERSONNEL ARE
RETAINED, PROMOTED
- ❖ DEPUTY GANGS ARE A SYMPTOM OF A
LARGER CORRUPT CULTURE

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