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## State Inventory of White Supremacist Prison Gangs

While there are almost certainly more, the following is an inventory of white supremacist prison gangs that the ADL Center on Extremism has created by working with correctional institutions and law enforcement, reviewing case files and news stories and tapping its own extensive body of information of white supremacist prison gang activities.



### Key Points

- For nearly four decades, white supremacist prison gangs have constituted one of the primary segments of the white supremacist movement, though they are different in many ways from “traditional” white supremacist groups.
- Though they typically originate and are active in jails and prisons, most of these gangs are just as active on the streets as behind bars—including involvement in violence and other criminal acts.
- Though they are white supremacist in nature, these prison gangs are usually a form of organized crime and frequently prioritize profit over ideology.
- Most white supremacist prison gangs allow only men as full members, but women play important roles in most such gangs, including in criminal activity.
- There are currently more than 75 different white supremacist prison gangs in at least 38 states and the Federal Bureau of Prisons, as well as in major county jails. They range from relatively small local gangs all the way to multi-state gangs with a thousand or more members.
- The crimes committed by white supremacist gang members include traditional criminal activities such as running major drug dealing operations as well as ideologically motivated crimes such as hate crimes. Most white supremacist gangs also have a high association with violence—which includes violence directed even at their own members and associates.

## Origins of White Supremacist Prison Gangs

The first white supremacist prison gang emerged in the 1960s at California's San Quentin State Prison as a reaction to the desegregation of California's prisons and the rise of race-based prison gangs like the Black Guerilla Family. The first such white supremacist gang was the **Aryan Brotherhood**, formed by members of other white gangs such as the Diamond Tooth Gang and the Blue Birds. Still around today, the Aryan Brotherhood eventually spread throughout the California prison system and into the Federal Bureau of Prisons. By the 1980s, similar gangs emerged in other state prison systems, often after desegregation (segregation was instituted in some states as part of Jim Crow and in some other states as a policy to reduce prison violence).

Early white supremacist prison gangs included the **Aryan Warriors**, **Aryan Brotherhood of Texas**, **Ohio Aryan Brotherhood** and the Arizona Aryan Brotherhood. As these examples show, a number of these gangs appropriated the name of the original California-based Aryan Brotherhood gang, but they and other similarly named groups are separate from and independent of the original Aryan Brotherhood.

Today, white supremacist prison gangs are one of the most active and violent segments of the white supremacist movement in the United States. Most states have at least one organized white supremacist prison gang; many have more. Such prison gangs are typically larger than other types of white supremacist groups, with memberships that often are in the hundreds, with a few, like the **Aryan Circle** and **Aryan Brotherhood of Texas**, reaching 1,500 or more members. Moreover, most prison gangs have substantial numbers of associates (including women) and hangers-on in addition to formally admitted members.

White supremacist prison gangs are usually well organized and hierarchical with a ranking system that is often strictly enforced. At the bottom are "hang-arounds," who associate with a prison gang but are not actual members. Some seek protection offered by the gang, or hope to become members, while many are partners in criminal operations run by the gang. The lowest position that has a formal status with a gang is the "prospect" or "probate"—someone undergoing the steps to become a full member. Successful prospects join the gang after a period of months to a year. Full gang members are often known as "patched" members, a reference to the gang tattoos many get. Higher ranks include "enforcers," who are responsible for meting out punishments or orders from the "shot-callers" who have the authority to issue orders and assignments to members. Some gangs employ military-style ranks, such as soldier, lieutenant, captain and so forth. The top-ranks of leadership often have their own collective title, such as "The Commission", "The Ring", "The Council" or "The Elders." Depending on the effective leadership in the gang and the control they have over members, white supremacist prison gangs may enforce strict adherence to the group's hierarchy as well as laws and rules (it is common for white supremacist gangs to have written by-laws or constitutions). Flouting mandates from the gang can result in beatdowns, expulsions (which can include the violent removal of a gang tattoo from the body of an ousted member) or even death. Many members and associates of white supremacist prison gangs are murdered by their own gang.

As white supremacist prison gangs have increasingly expanded onto the streets, the long-term trend has been for gangs to exert more control and direction over this part of their membership. This has allowed several such gangs to engage in large-scale organized crime such as drug distribution.

## White Supremacist Prison Gang Ideology and Subculture

As their names suggest, white supremacist prison gangs are not simply race-based, as many gangs are, but have adopted a form of white supremacist ideology. The earliest gangs had a crude, homegrown version of white supremacy but over time they have adopted most of the ideas and symbols of other, more traditional white supremacist groups.

**White supremacy** is a term used to characterize various belief systems central to which are one or more of the following key tenets: 1) whites should have dominance over people of other backgrounds, especially where they may co-exist; 2) whites should live by themselves in a whites-only society; 3) white people have their own “culture” that is superior to other cultures; 4) white people are genetically superior to other people. As a full-fledged ideology, white supremacy is far more encompassing than simple racism or bigotry. Most white supremacists today further believe that the white race is in danger of extinction due to a rising “flood” of non-whites, who are controlled and manipulated by Jews, and that imminent action is needed to “save” the white race.

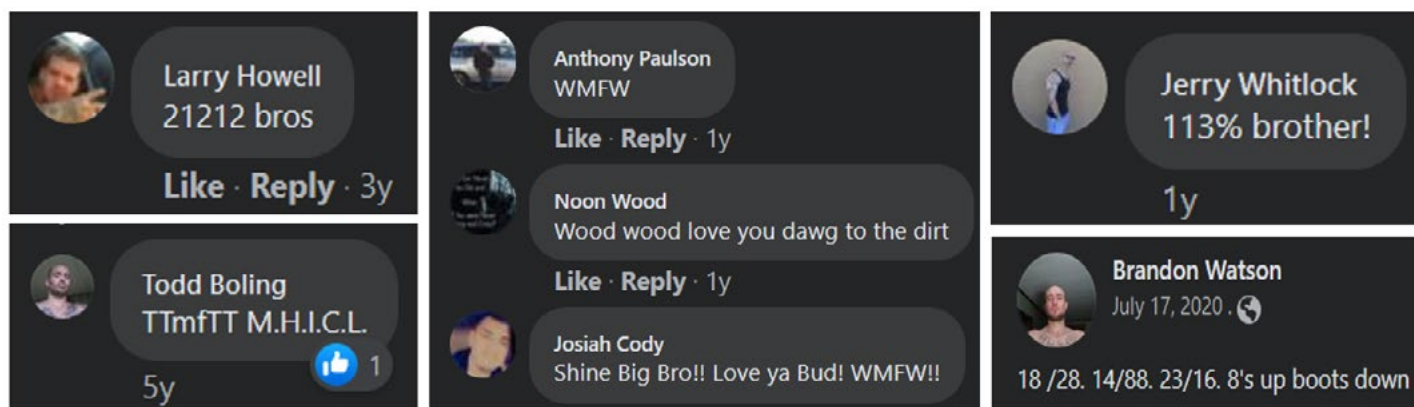
The degree to which white supremacist prison gang members internalize white supremacist ideology can vary widely, particularly if the main motivations a member may have for joining such a group are not related to racism. Often a gang may have a contingent of members who are fully enmeshed in white supremacist beliefs, as well as a larger section of membership that may simply exhibit racism or bigotry. Different gangs may be more or less hateful to different races, though all tend to be hostile to Blacks and Black gangs in prison. Some white supremacist prison gangs have had small numbers of Hispanic members.

Some gangs, such as the **Ghost Face Gangsters** in Georgia, have a relatively weak attachment to white supremacy and exist somewhere on the border between white supremacist prison gangs and white race-based gangs.

Most white supremacist prison gangs are organized crime groups first and hate groups second. Criminal organizations, of whatever type, from mafia families to outlaw biker gangs, depend on creating a sense of group loyalty that can overcome individual self-interest. White supremacist prison gangs use white supremacy to enhance gang loyalty and make it less likely that a member may inform on the group. It’s this practical emphasis on white supremacy, to support criminal motives and operations, that helps explain how white supremacist gangs can form arrangements and alliances with non-white prison or street gangs (typically Hispanic). The gangs see opportunities to maximize their earnings even if, on the surface, collaborating with non-white gangs would seem to contradict white supremacist beliefs.

Over the years, white supremacist prison gangs have also evolved their own distinct subculture, borrowing some elements from the older biker gang subculture and originating others, often derived from shared prison experiences. The subculture is shared by the members and associates of white supremacist prison gangs. It includes shared language and slang between members; shared ideology; participating in similar customs; and using common symbols, acronyms and numeric codes. Men who participate in this subculture refer to themselves as “**peckerwoods**,” or simply “woods.” This term originated as a derogatory slur aimed at white people but was embraced by members and associates of white supremacist prison gangs, who wear it as a badge of honor. One longstanding white

supremacist prison gang poem, adapted to fit different groups, proclaims “We’re peckerwood soldiers, down for our cause.” Women who are part of the subculture refer to themselves as “**featherwoods**,” or simply “feathers.” The people within a particular prison who partake in this subculture may refer to themselves collectively as the “Woodpile.”



*Numeric codes & acronyms used by white supremacist prison gang members on social media.*

White supremacist prison gangs and the subculture they created both place a strong emphasis on the idea of the gang as a family. Members and associates may refer to the group as a family and to each other as brother and sister. This family emphasis also reinforces the all-important notion of loyalty to the group. Also strongly emphasized are concepts such as trust, honor, loyalty, brotherhood, respect, and love. Many gangs may use some of these or similar terms as slogans. The Aryan Circle, for example, uses the words (in various orders) “brotherhood, solidarity, loyalty and dedication,” and members may even tattoo the words on their body. Members and associates of many gangs may sign letters or online posts with “LLHR,” for “love, loyalty, honor and respect.” It’s no coincidence that so many of these terms are related to group loyalty.

Some of these concepts and slogans were first used by outlaw biker gangs, like the slogan “God Forgives, Brothers Don’t,” appropriated by the Aryan Brotherhood. One Aryan Circle slogan, “My Honor is Called Loyalty,” originated with the Waffen SS in Nazi Germany. Other slogans were created by gang members themselves, like “Forever True” and “Always Strong,” both slogans for the Ghost Face Gangsters. Once more, the idea of loyalty to the group dominates these slogans.

Groups have turned many of these slogans and concepts into acronyms, numeric codes or other similar expressions. These coded expressions have also become part of the subculture underlying white supremacist prison gangs, as members use them for identifying themselves and each other and to strengthen group bonds. Even learning all the different codes, acronyms and hand signs creates a bond with other group members.

These examples, selected from many, illustrate the different types of formulations that may appear as tattoos, on correspondences, accompanying social media posts or in other circumstances:

Acronym/Code	Meaning	Used by
GFBD	God Forgives, Brothers Don't	Aryan Brotherhood
12	AB (1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> letters)	Aryan Brotherhood
112%	100% Aryan Brotherhood (100% + 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> letters)	Aryan Brotherhood
1-2-20	ABT (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> letters)	Aryan Brotherhood of Texas
MHICL	My Honor Is Called Loyalty	Aryan Circle
CFFC	Circle Forever, Forever Circle	Aryan Circle
13	AC (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> letters)	Aryan Circle
113%	100% Aryan Circle (100% + 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> letters)	Aryan Circle
Royals	RevOlutionarY Aryan LionS	Aryan Royals/Aryan Kings
15:13	King James Bible	Aryan Royals/Aryan Kings
26	BF (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> letters)	Brotherhood Forever
622	FV (6 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> letters)	Family Values
DBD	Death Before Dishonor	Family Values
LLHRHFU	Loyalty, Love, Honor, Respect, Honesty, Faithfulness, Understanding	Ghost Face Gangsters
7.6.12	Ghost Face Love (7 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> letters)	Ghost Face Gangsters
6.20	FT (6 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> letters) = Forever True	Ghost Face Gangsters
1.19	AS (1 <sup>st</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> letters) = Always Strong	Ghost Face Gangsters

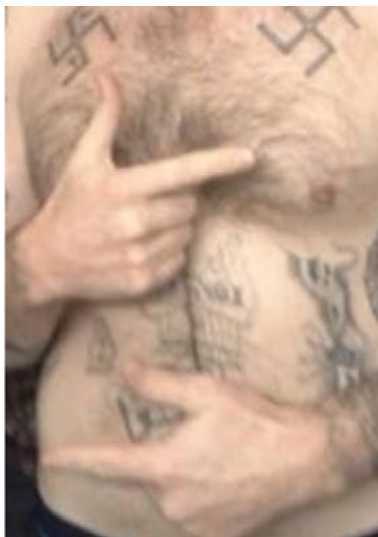


Acronym/Code	Meaning	Used by
2662	Brothers Forever, Forever Brothers (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> letters)	Brothers of White Warriors
267	BFG (2 <sup>nd</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> letters)	Bound for Glory
44	14 <sup>th</sup> letter (N) + 12 <sup>th</sup> letter (L) + 18 <sup>th</sup> letter (R) = 44	Nazi Low Riders
II III IV	To The Dirt (2 letters, 3 letters, 4 letters)	New Aryan Empire
LnR	Love and Respect	Non-specific
TTmfTT	Till The mother fucking Toe Tag	Non-specific
23-16	PW (23 <sup>rd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> letters)	Peckerwoods
OPIOS	Our Pride Is Our Strength	Sacred Separatist Group
19-1-23	SAW (19 <sup>th</sup> , 1 <sup>st</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> letters)	Silent Aryan Warriors
19-1-2	SAC (19 <sup>th</sup> , 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> letters)	Soldiers of Aryan Culture
HCRL	Honor, Courage, Respect, Loyalty	Solid Wood Soldiers
UFFU	Unforgiven Forever, Forever Unforgiven	Unforgiven
21	U (21 <sup>st</sup> letter)	Unforgiven
21-2-12	Unity, Brotherhood, Loyalty (21 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> letters)	Unforgiven
21 12	UAB (21 <sup>st</sup> , 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> letters)	Universal Aryan Brotherhood
UTTBBE	Universal To The Bitter Bloody End	Universal Aryan Brotherhood
WMFW	Wood, Mother Fucking Wood	Universal Aryan Brotherhood

Social media sites, and the selfies and group photos posted on them, have increased the use of hand signs by white supremacist prison gangs. Like street gang members “throwing up” or “flashing” a hand sign, white supremacist prison gang members use hand signs to show gang affiliation.



“Diamond”/“13” for Aryan Circle



“12” for Aryan Brotherhood



“21” for Unforgiven

“Bolts Up” for Aryan Nations



“FV” for Family Values

### *White supremacist prison gang hand signs*

The **Aryan Brotherhood of Texas** uses a hand sign consisting of a raised index finger and raised ring and little fingers (or the reverse), signifying the numbers 1 and 2 (which stand for A and B, the initials for Aryan Brotherhood). Aryan Brotherhood of Texas members may also use a two-handed variation in which one hand “throws up” one digit and the other hand (belonging to the same or a different person) “throws up” two digits, again signifying 1 and 2.

The hand sign representing **Aryan Circle** consists of holding up the thumb and the middle, ring and little fingers of one hand, signifying the numbers 1 and 3. Substituting letters for numbers, 1 and 3 stand for A and C, i.e., Aryan Circle. The symbol can also be shown in “reverse,” by holding up the little finger and the middle and index fingers, plus the thumb. Aryan Circle members can also show the sign using two hands, raising up one finger on one hand and three fingers on the other. Because Aryan Circle members often refer to their group as “the Diamond” (a reference to their most common tattoo, a diamond-shaped swastika), gang members may also use two hands to make the shape of a diamond.

Members of Tennessee’s largest white supremacist prison gang, **Aryan Nations** (not to be confused with the neo-Nazi group Aryan Nations) uses a hand sign they sometimes refer to as “bolts up” or “bolts to the sky,” consisting of forming the hand into a pistol shape and pointing it upwards or outwards.

**Peckerwoods** make the thumb, index finger and middle finger of one hand to form the letter “P,” and the four fingers of the other hand to form the letter “W.” This is especially common in California, where such street gangs are frequently found.

## Women & White Supremacist Prison Gangs



*Arrested female associates of white supremacist prison gangs.*

Most white supremacist prison gangs do not allow women as “patched,” or formal, members and those few that do, do not typically allow them to assume leadership positions. Despite these restrictions, there are women associated with every white supremacist prison gang and they often play key roles, from helping create and maintain group bonds to participating in criminal activities.

Women support members behind bars, help inmates communicate with each other, publish and distribute newsletters and other materials and engage in criminal activities such as smuggling contraband into prisons. Without the roles played by women, white supremacist prison gangs would find it much more difficult to operate.

Just in the last few years, dozens of women with connections to white supremacist prison gangs have been arrested on a variety of charges. Often these women are wives, girlfriends or even the mothers of white supremacist prison gang members. Though not all participate directly in criminal activity, they are particularly useful in assisting members behind bars. Smuggling contraband and communications are two of the most common such roles, but women have also assisted in prison escapes and even murders.

For example, in 2019 **Renee Johnson-Fritz** forwarded a message from her incarcerated husband, Frederick Fritz, a leader in the Kansas Aryan Brotherhood, to an inmate at another corrections facility. The message was an order to murder another prisoner. The order was carried out by a gang member who stabbed the victim more than 20 times (the victim survived the attack). In December 2021, Renee Johnson-Fritz pleaded guilty to solicitation to commit capital murder and was sentenced to 59 months in prison. In March 2022, a judge dismissed the solicitation of murder case against **Frederick Fritz** because the case had not gone to trial within a 180-day deadline as required by law.

That same year, **Kenan Gililand**, a female associate of the Arkansas-based prison gang **New Aryan Empire**, assisted in the prison escape of its leader, Wesley Gullet, and an associate. Gililand picked up the two gang members following their escape, driving them 130 miles away from the prison and providing food and supplies for them. Gililand pleaded guilty to two counts of aiding and abetting escape in July 2020.

In February 2020, **Aubrie Brown** and three male members or associates of the Ghost Face Gangsters prison gang allegedly stormed into the home of a mother and her 14-year-old daughter, demanding to speak to a male who owned the home. After returning to their car, one of the men allegedly fired several shots at the home, hitting and killing the daughter, who was at the front door. All four suspects and an additional man allegedly involved in the planning of the invasion face murder, false imprisonment, aggravated assault and weapons charges.

In September 2019, **Yvonne Paul**, the mother of a high-ranking member of the **Georgia Aryan Brotherhood**, was one of three women accused of attempting to smuggle tobacco and illegal prescriptions into the Polk County jail in Georgia. Another inmate found the contraband and reported it to corrections staff before the intended recipient could retrieve it.

## Criminal Activity

White supremacist prison gangs routinely engage in a variety of different criminal activities both behind bars and in the free world. Indeed, all but the smallest such gangs can be considered ongoing criminal enterprises, i.e., organized crime. Organized crime activities include illegal drug distribution, theft rings, identity theft and other crimes. White supremacist prison gangs also commit crimes of violence against rival gangs of different types, as well as their own members. Moreover, gang members may use deadly violence against corrections officials, police or anybody else coming in the way of criminal activities or attempts to escape prison or arrest. Because they are also white supremacist, they can commit hate-motivated crimes as well, behind bars and on the streets.

## Hate-Motivated Crime

Though not their most common form of violence, white supremacist prison gang members do engage in hate-motivated crime, targeting people of other races, ethnicities or religions. Frequently, such hate-motivated crimes committed by members are spontaneous violent reactions to an unplanned encounter rather than premeditated acts.

In April 2021, **Joseph Rossing**, a member of the small, Iowa-based white supremacist prison gang known as Frys, and another man, encountered a Black driver who told them to get their children out of the street. The two men took the man out of his car and repeatedly punched and kicked him in the head while yelling racial slurs. During the assault, Rossing removed his shirt and pounded a swastika tattoo on his chest. In November 2021, Rossing was sentenced to 17 years in prison, following an Alford plea to harassment, burglary and willful injury.

In August 2016, Russell Courtier, a member of **European Kindred**, got into an altercation with a Black man outside of a convenience store in Gresham, Oregon. Courtier and his girlfriend, Colleen Hunt, who egged him on, got into their vehicle and ran the victim over. He died of his injuries three days later.

In 2019, a jury found Courtier guilty of murder and a hate crime; he received a **life sentence with a minimum of 28 years. Hunt pleaded guilty to manslaughter and received a 10-year sentence.**

Although less common, premeditated hate crimes committed by white supremacist prison gang members do occur. In 2010, **Steven S. Cantrell**, a member of the **Aryan Brotherhood of Texas** trying to gain status within the gang, committed a series of arsons targeting ethnic and religious minorities. Cantrell vandalized and set fire to a predominantly Black church, started a fire at the home of a Jewish man and set fire to a gym owned by a mixed-race couple. He also set fire to a church van and a utility trailer. For his one-day crime spree, Cantrell pleaded guilty to federal hate crime charges and received a sentence of more than 37 years in prison.

## **Traditional Crimes – Drugs, Weapons & More**

White supremacist prison gang members engage in criminal acts at the behest of the gangs as well as crimes of their own volition and initiative. Such crimes range from drugs (manufacturing, distribution, smuggling and use) to illegal weapons, identity theft to violent assaults and murder. Criminal recidivism is also often high among such members, illustrated by the lengthy criminal histories many members possess.

For example, **William Glenn Chunn and Jesse Paul Blankenship**, both high-ranking members of the Aryan Circle prison gang, engaged in an array of violent criminal activity from 2010 to 2021. Chunn, a Texas member and one of the Circle's top leaders, ordered attacks against rivals and against Aryan Circle members suspected of being disloyal. He also ordered attacks against people suspected of cooperating with law enforcement against the gang. Blankenship, from Missouri, committed several violent crimes on behalf of the Aryan Circle that moved him up the ranks of the gang. He shot two people, participated in a kidnapping and burned off the "patch" of an Aryan Circle member in bad standing with the gang. In November 2021, a federal jury convicted Chunn on a racketeering charge with an enhanced penalty for attempted murder; Blankenship was convicted on charges related to racketeering and kidnapping.

Throughout 2020, five members of Oregon's largest white supremacist prison gang, the **European Kindred**, were arrested in connection with a criminal enterprise that included trafficking narcotics, robberies and obtaining illegal weapons. According to authorities, one member of the prison gang, Eric Kelly, also planned to "murder multiple individuals." The men were trafficking drugs through multiple states in the Pacific Northwest. Three of the five Kindred members have pleaded guilty to charges stemming from the case; the remaining two have yet to stand trial.

Individual gang members can also engage in their own criminal activities. When police arrested **Jesse R. Lohman**, a member of the **Brothers of White Warriors**, a New Hampshire-based white supremacist prison gang, he was traveling with a large amount of pure methamphetamine in a stolen vehicle with a bogus license plate. He was also in possession of illegal brass knuckles as well as a wooden club and a book on Adolf Hitler. The arrest came just a week after his release from prison for a prior conviction. Lohman pleaded guilty to possessing methamphetamine with intent to distribute and was subsequently sentenced to 12½ years in federal prison.

White supremacist prison gang members' activity is not limited to crimes that are ideologically or racially motivated. As noted earlier, members frequently engage in a wide range of traditional criminal

behavior, including murder, burglary/theft, etc. Some of these individuals also engage in political violence: of the more than 900 people who have been arrested for their participation in the violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, at least two have connections to white supremacist prison gangs.

Michael Curzio is a member of the Florida-based prison gang **Unforgiven**. Authorities took him into custody a little over a week after the riot, marking one of the first arrests related to the riot. In July 2021, Curzio pleaded guilty for his role in the insurrection and was sentenced to six months in prison. Curzio's involvement with the Unforgiven gang was likely linked to prison time he served after pleading guilty to attempted murder for shooting his ex-girlfriend's boyfriend in 2012.



*Mugshot of Curzio; Curzio in the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021*

Brian Jackson, from Texas, is a member of **White Knights of America** prison gang. In June 2022, authorities arrested Jackson along with his brother for their alleged violent rioting at the January 6, 2021 insurrection. Jackson is accused of violently assaulting law enforcement officers while on Capitol grounds and of deleting online evidence of his participation in the insurrection. His trial is still pending.



*Jackson on U.S. Capitol grounds on January 6, 2021; some of Jackson's white supremacist tattoos*

## Extreme Violence

The violent nature of white supremacist gangs, combined with their active criminal enterprises that regularly put them in contact with law enforcement, can all too often result in situations involving extreme violence, including murders committed for a variety of motives as well as violent encounters with law enforcement.

White supremacists are responsible for the majority of extremist-related murders in the United States almost every year—and members of white supremacist prison gangs commit a substantial number of them. In the last decade alone, as noted in the Center Of Extremism report **Murder and Extremism in the United States in 2021**, white supremacist prison gang members were responsible for nearly a third (76) of white supremacist-related killings. Moreover, because murders behind prison walls are not always well reported, the true number is likely higher still.

Some of these prison gang murders involve violence with rival or enemy groups, or internal violence due to power struggles or individual feuds. In May 2021, for example, two members of the **Family Values** gang in Missouri, **John Hilt and Justin Murphy**, allegedly shot to death a member of a rival gang, the **Southwest Honkys**. The two men reportedly went to the victim's home intending to assault him over alleged threats and stolen drugs, but the incident escalated into a fatal shooting. When police sought to arrest the men, Hilt engaged in a shootout with police before being arrested, while Murphy led police on a high-speed chase before crashing his vehicle and subsequently being taken into custody.

One recent prison gang murder involved an inmate who had angered the Nevada-based Aryan Warriors. In October 2021, Aryan Warrior member **Anthony "Mugsy" Williams pleaded guilty** to the

2016 murder of another prison inmate. Williams and fellow inmate, Tarik “Torque” Goicoechea, lured the victim into a locked cell before stabbing him 52 times. Before the killing, the victim had told his girlfriend he thought he would be attacked by gang members because he would not join their gang. A judge sentenced Williams to life in prison without parole.

Gang members can easily run afoul of their own gang, too. Five members and two female associates of the Oklahoma-based **Universal Aryan Brotherhood**, allegedly brutally beat to death another patched gang member in December 2019, attacking him with a baseball bat and shooting him. They then drove the victim to another location where they used a heated metal iron to burn off his prison gang tattoo. **Authorities have charged them** with first-degree murder and a host of related charges.

Violent encounters with police are often common among members of white supremacist prison gangs. They typically occur when police respond to criminal activity involving gang members. In other cases, wanted gang members may become violent to avoid apprehension.

In one flight attempt in September 2019, **Jeffrey Tyler Aycock**, a member of the Ghost Face Gangsters, shot at police in Rome, Georgia, after fleeing from them as they tried to arrest him on a parole violation. Officers finally tracked him to an abandoned cabin, where he died in an exchange of gunfire.

In October 2019, **Matthew Abrams**, a suspected member of the Arkansas-based **White Aryan Resistance** prison gang, was shot and killed by law enforcement officers after he allegedly pointed a handgun at them while attempting to avoid arrest.

**Rex Allen Stewart Jr.**, who investigators linked to the Georgia Aryan Brotherhood, was arrested in January 2019, on charges of aggravated assault on a Richmond County Georgia sheriff’s deputy and weapon violations in connection with a shootout with police during a traffic stop. Stewart has since been charged with the unrelated murder of Sean Bussard.

**Jake Childers**, a member of the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas, encountered police after a prison escape in December 2016. He stole a prison transport vehicle with firearms inside, then used those weapons to shoot at officers who found him four days after his escape. He was killed after the officers returned fire.

## **Combating White Supremacist Prison Gangs**

Prison gangs in general are notoriously difficult to combat because members can easily operate both behind bars and on the streets. Sending a member to prison may simply shift the location of their criminal activities. It is not surprising, then, that white supremacist prison gangs are among the longest-lived white supremacist groups in the United States, with several of them surviving—or at times flourishing—over decades.

Over the years, prison officials have tried breaking gang members up across different prisons—or even different prison systems—only to see such tactics result in gang spread. Other officials have tried to segregate gang members in a particular facility or to put documented gang members in administrative segregation—i.e., solitary. These tactics have had some success but are less feasible now due to lawsuits and administrative decisions limiting solitary confinement. More progressively, some prison systems have instituted gang exit programs, but though they may benefit individuals, they do little to hinder the overall operations of such gangs.

One tactic used by both state and federal officials to combat white supremacist prison gang activity both behind bars and on the streets is the use of racketeering investigations and prosecutions. Because white supremacist prison gangs engage in organized criminal activities such as narcotics distribution, they are vulnerable to such prosecutions in a way many other white supremacist groups would not be.

Over the last 20 years there have been numerous large, multi-agency racketeering investigations in a number of states that have resulted in mass arrests of members and associates of white supremacist prison gangs.

One recent racketeering prosecution in Texas involved multiple white supremacist prison gangs involved in gun-running and drug distribution. Between 2015 and 2018, dozens of individuals with ties to white supremacist prison gangs including Aryan Circle, Aryan Brotherhood of Texas, the Peckerwoods, **Soldiers of Aryan Culture** and the **Dirty White Boys** trafficked drugs and firearms throughout Texas. The gang members trafficked more than 1,600 kilos of methamphetamine, as well as cocaine and heroin, and dozens of firearms. A multi-agency investigation resulted in the arrest and eventual conviction of more than 150 gang members. According to authorities, defendants received a total of 1,820 years in federal prison. According to the **Department of Justice**, this was the largest case prosecuted that focused on white supremacist prison gangs.

Georgia recently conducted a major state investigation. From 2018 to 2021, in what state authorities claim was the state's single largest gang investigation, "**Operation Kibosh**" resulted in the indictments of 77 members and associates of the Ghost Face Gangsters prison gang. The multi-agency investigation was prompted primarily by the gang's propensity for drug trafficking and violent crimes. According to authorities, the gang's criminal activity over those four years extended beyond Georgia and into Tennessee and South Carolina, as part of an effort by the Ghost Face Gangsters to expand their reach outside of Georgia. Authorities charged suspects with attempted murder, drug trafficking and distribution, kidnapping, aggravated assault, illegal firearms possession, human trafficking and extortion.

However, despite these and numerous other successful racketeering prosecutions of white supremacist prison gangs around the country, often accompanied by optimistic claims of damage to the groups prosecuted, no such effort has resulted in the destruction of any major gang. Using this type of prosecution, authorities have only been able to temporarily disrupt or hinder the activities of white supremacist prison gangs.

The original Aryan Brotherhood, based primarily in the California and federal penal systems, has illustrated the extreme resilience of such groups, surviving despite every tactic used against it, from racketeering indictments to solitary confinements. Members still found ways to communicate and, using proxy gangs, to continue their operations. Authorities have not yet figured out the best ways to combat white supremacist prison gangs.

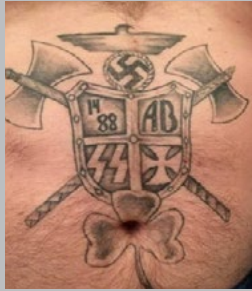


## Policy Recommendations


- **Prioritize the Threat of Extremist Prison Gangs:** The Department of Justice and Bureau of Prisons should release National Strategy to Counter Domestic Terrorism implementation plans that outline activities that would address domestic terrorism threats like white supremacist terrorism in the prison system.




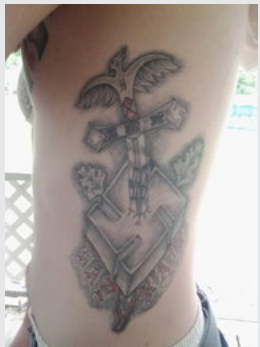
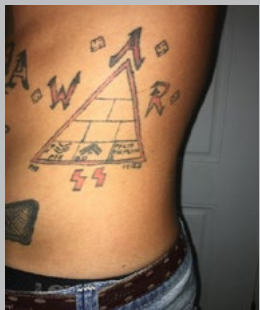
- **Resource According to the Threat:** We must ensure that the authorities and resources the government uses to address violent threats are proportionate to the risk of the lethality of those threats.
  - Within both state and federal prison systems, corrections sector officials must have standing, defined offices and officials charged with addressing domestic violent extremism.
  - The Bureau of Prisons should release an annual report providing information on white supremacist prison gang violence perpetrated in that year and how it was addressed. Congress and other federal stakeholders should use these reports to ensure proportionate funding and resources go toward addressing violent threats.
  
- **Oppose Extremists in Government Service:** It is essential that we recognize the potential for harm when extremists gain positions of power, including in as correctional officials within prisons. The Bureau of Prisons should receive training on identifying white supremacist extremist sympathies among corrections officials and create a policy around affiliation or support for white supremacist movements – notably, no one who openly supports white supremacy should be permitted to be a corrections official.
  
- **Take Terrorism Prevention Measures:** The Department of Homeland Security used FY2021 grant funding to support Life After Hate in developing programming to provide incarceration and post-release intervention programming to disengage white supremacist gang members. The Bureau of Prisons should create an approach that avails itself of Life After Hate and similar rehabilitation measures to prevent recidivism into white supremacist gang activity.
  
- **End the Complicity of Social Media in Spreading Gang Culture:** The social media sector must be held accountable for their role in promoting white supremacist conspiracy theories, including those that can lead to gang participation. We must prevent the social media-to-gang pipeline and work with companies to provide concrete solutions.
  
- **Create a Comprehensive Understanding of the Threat of White Supremacist Prison Gangs:** Congress should require that the Federal Bureau of Prisons track and create an annual report on the nature and magnitude of the dangers they pose – both inside correctional facilities and outside. This information should be shared in real-time with the appropriate correctional officials to equip them with the necessary information to address this threat. Further, the Bureau of Prisons should provide an overview of security threat inmate policies and post-release procedures that can help highlight the threat and/or off-ramp individuals. For example, post-release preparation can help reduce recidivism and also address how white supremacist gang members are identified as potential violent threats even if they have not been incarcerated for a violent crime.
  
- **Target and Disrupt White Supremacist Prison Gang Networks:** While January 6<sup>th</sup> offenders and white supremacist gang members are serving their time for crimes they were convicted of, they pose a danger to their communities both from inside and outside the corrections system following their release. The Department of Justice should engage its Hate Crimes-Domestic Terrorism Task Force to work with the Bureau of Prisons to address the threat of white supremacist prisoner networks within the corrections system.

The following is an inventory of known active white supremacist prison gangs, as well as which states they're active in and examples of various "patches" associated with those prison gangs where available.


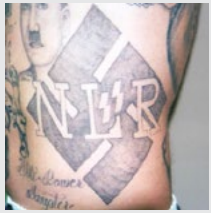


ALABAMA				
Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Aryan Brotherhood of Alabama	AL	--	Despite its name, the Aryan Brotherhood of Alabama has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	
Southern Brotherhood	AL	--	The Southern Brotherhood was founded in 1995 in the Alabama prison system. It is the largest white supremacist prison gang in the state. They have a sub-group outside of prison: Southern Brotherhood Motorcycle Club.	
Ghost Face Gangsters	GA	AL, TN	This group originated in California in the 1970s, with the Georgia offshoot forming in 1998 by an original California founding member. Not all members of the group are white supremacists.	

ALASKA				
Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Crew 1488	AK	CO	Crew 1488, also known as Organization 1488, was formed in the Alaska prison system in 2010. The group has also established a small presence in Colorado because that state houses a number of Alaskan prisoners.	




# ARKANSAS

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Aryan Circle</b>	TX	AR, BoP, IN, LA, MO, NM, OK, TN	Aryan Circle was created in 1985 in the Texas prison system. They have over 1,500 members and associates both inside and outside the prison system, making them one of the largest white supremacist prison gangs in the U.S.	
<b>New Aryan Empire</b>	AR	--	The New Aryan Empire started in the early 1990s in the Arkansas prison system.	
<b>White Aryan Resistance</b>	AR	--	Various white supremacist gangs in multiple states have used the name White Aryan Resistance which is borrowed from the name of a 1980s California white supremacist group, but the various gangs are not typically linked to each other. This White Aryan Resistance is one of the largest gangs in the U.S. using the name and is the primary white supremacist prison gang in Arkansas.	
Arkansas Aryan Brotherhood	AR	--	Despite its name, the Arkansas Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE



# ARIZONA

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Arizona Aryan Brotherhood	AZ	--	Despite its name, the Arizona Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system. The Arizona Aryan Brotherhood dates back to the 1980s and is one of the "senior" white supremacist gangs in the U.S.	
Nazi Low Riders	CA	AZ, BoP, NV	The Nazi Low Riders started in the California prison system in the 1980s and have since spread to some other western states. They used to be larger and more influential than they are today.	
White Knights of America	TX	AZ	The White Knights of America originated in the Texas prison system and later expanded to Arizona.	
White Aryan Resistance	AZ	--	Various white supremacist gangs in multiple states have used the name White Aryan Resistance but are not necessarily linked to each other.	




# FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS (BOP)

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Aryan Brotherhood</b>	CA, BoP	--	This is the original Aryan Brotherhood that formed in the 1960s in the California prison system and subsequently spread to the federal prison system as well. It is the most notorious white supremacist prison gang in the U.S., with a history of extreme violence. It has a negligible street presence compared to other major white supremacist prison gangs.	
<b>Aryan Brotherhood of Texas</b>	TX	NM, OK, BoP	Started in 1984, the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas is the largest white supremacist prison gang in Texas and one of the largest in the country, with over 2,000 members. Aryan Brotherhood of Texas is very active both behind bars and on the streets of Texas and nearby states.	
<b>Aryan Circle</b>	TX	AR, BoP, IN, LA, MO, NM, OK, TN	Aryan Circle was created in 1985 in the Texas prison system. They have over 1,500 members and associates both inside and outside the prison system, making them one of the largest white supremacist prison gangs in the U.S.	
Aryan Resistance Movement	BoP	PA	The Aryan Resistance Movement was founded in the 1990s by inmates Tony Adams and Michael Holdridge.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
Dirty White Boys	BoP	See notes	There are several prison gangs in the U.S. with the name "Dirty White Boys." Some are related to each other, but others are not. The most well-known of these is the BOP-based Dirty White Boys gang. It is large but loosely organized and dates back to the 1980s. Not all members of it are necessarily white supremacists.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE




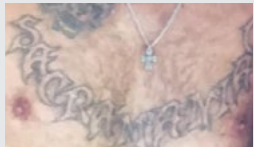


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<b>Nazi Low Riders</b>	CA	BoP, AZ, NV	The Nazi Low Riders started in the California prison system in the 1980s and have since spread to some other western states. They used to be larger and more influential than they are today.	
<b>Soldiers of Aryan Culture</b>	UT	BoP	Founded in the 1990s, Soldiers of Aryan Culture is a Utah-based white supremacist prison gang.	

## CALIFORNIA

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Aryan Brotherhood</b>	CA, BoP	--	This is the original Aryan Brotherhood that started in the California prison system in the 1960s and spread to the federal prison system. It is the most notorious white supremacist prison gang in the U.S., with a history of extreme violence. It has a negligible street presence compared to other major white supremacist prison gangs.	
Butte County Gangsters	CA	--	Butte County Gangsters are a relatively small prison gang that started in the early 2000s.	
<b>Comrades Of Our Racial Struggle</b>	CA	--	This gang also uses the name COORS Family Skins. Its street presence is in Southern California.	



# CALIFORNIA

Co Co Boys	CA	--	The Co Co Boys get their name from Contra Costa County in Northern California, where they have a street presence.	
Family Affiliated Irish Mafia	CA	--	A small gang started in the 1990s and are heavily active in narcotics trafficking.	
Humboldt County Gangsters	CA	--	The Humboldt County Gangsters are one of the more active gangs in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility along with the Crazy White Boys.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
Nazi Low Riders	CA	BoP, AZ, NV	The Nazi Low Riders started in the California prison system in the 1980s and have since spread to some other western states. They used to be larger and more influential than they are today.	
Sacramaniacs	CA	--	Sacramaniacs is a street and prison gang originating in Sacramento.	
Public Enemy Number One	CA	--	Started in 1990, Public Enemy Number One is based on the streets and in California prisons. It is also known as PEN1.	
United Society of Aryan Skinheads	CA	--	The United Society of Aryan Skinheads, or USAS, is a street and prison gang that originated in Oregon but is now based in California.	


## CALIFORNIA

White Aryan Resistance	CA	--	Various white supremacist gangs in multiple states have used the name White Aryan Resistance but are not necessarily linked to each other.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
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## COLORADO



Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
211 Crew/Aryan Empire	CO	--	211 Crew was founded in 1995 and is based in the Colorado prison system. They are also known as Aryan Empire, Aryan Alliance or Brotherhood of Aryan Alliance.	
Crew 1488	AK	CO	Crew 1488, also known as Organization 1488, was formed in the Alaska prison system. The group has spread to Colorado because that state houses a number of Alaskan prisoners.	

## CONNECTICUT


Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Branded Peckerwood Family	CT	--	Branded Peckerwood Family is a small prison gang in the Connecticut Department of Corrections.	





## FLORIDA

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Dirty White Boys	See notes	See notes	There are several prison gangs throughout the United States called "Dirty White Boys." Some of these are related to each other, and others are not.	
Florida Aryan Brotherhood	FL	--	Despite its name, the Florida Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
<b>Unforgiven</b>	FL	--	Unforgiven was founded in 1986 in the Florida prison system. It is the largest white supremacist prison gang in Florida.	
White Aryan Resistance	FL	--	Various white supremacist gangs in multiple states have used the name White Aryan Resistance but are not necessarily linked to each other.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE



## GEORGIA

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Georgia Aryan Brotherhood</b>	GA	--	Despite its name, the Georgia Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	

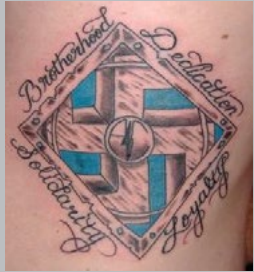


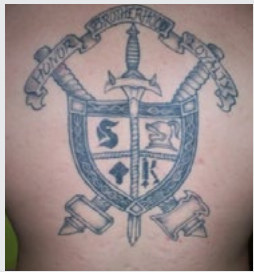
## GEORGIA

<b>Ghost Face Gangsters</b>	GA	AL, TN	This group originated in California in the 1970s, with the Georgia offshoot forming in 1998 by an original California founding member. Not all members of the group are white supremacists.	
United White Circle/Chain Gang Crackers	GA	---	United White Circle is a prison/street gang that originated in the Georgia corrections system. They are not exclusively white supremacist.	

## IDAHO

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Aryan Knights</b>	ID	WA, OR	Aryan Knights is Idaho's largest white supremacist prison gang, with more than 200 members.	
<b>European Kindred</b>	OR	WA, ID	European Kindred was founded in 1998 in the Oregon prison system. It has since expanded to a few other western states.	
Psychotic Soldiers	ID	--	Formed in 2008, Psychotic Soldiers are likely allied with the much larger Aryan Knights.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE

## INDIANA

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Aryan Circle</b>	TX	AR, BoP, IN, LA, MO, NM, OK, TN	Aryan Circle was created in 1985 in the Texas prison system. They have over 1,500 members and associates both inside and outside the prison system, making them one of the largest white supremacist prison gangs in the U.S.	
<b>Indiana Aryan Brotherhood</b>	IN	--	The Indiana Aryan Brotherhood is a large white supremacist prison gang based in Indiana. It is active both in the prisons and on the streets. Despite its name, the Indiana Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	
Rebel Cause	IN	--	Formed in 1988 in the Indiana prison system, they are also known as Rebel Cause Brotherhood.	
<b>Saxon Knights</b>	IN	TN, MI	The Saxon Knights were formed in 1995 and are based primarily in the Indiana prison system.	


## IOWA

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Frys	IA	--	Frys is a medium-sized prison gang formed in the 1980s in the Iowa prison system.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE

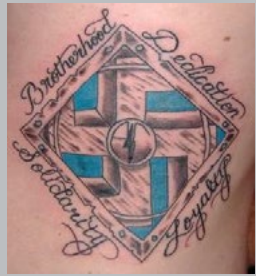
## KANSAS

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Dirty White Boys	See notes	See notes	There are several prison gangs throughout the United States called "Dirty White Boys." Some of these are related to each other, and others are not.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
Kansas Aryan Brotherhood	KY	---	Despite its name, the Kansas Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE

## KENTUCKY

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Aryan Cowboy Brotherhood</b>	MN	KY, OH	The Aryan Cowboy Brotherhood originated in the Minnesota prison system in 2013. Members do not have to serve time to get membership status. There is also a small Aryan Cowboy Brotherhood street presence in Ohio, Kentucky and Minnesota.	
Aryans of Kentucky	KY	--	Aryans of Kentucky is a small Kentucky-based white supremacist prison gang.	
Kentucky Aryan Brotherhood	KY	--	Despite its name, the Kentucky Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE

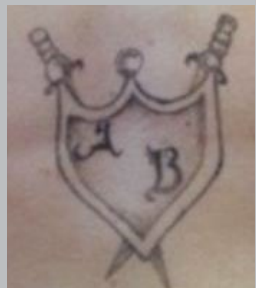
## LOUISIANA

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Aryan Circle	TX	AR, BoP, IN, LA, MO, NM, OK, TN	Aryan Circle was created in 1985 in the Texas prison system. They have over 1,500 members and associates both inside and outside the prison system, making them one of the largest white supremacist prison gangs in the U.S.	


## MARYLAND

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Maryland Aryan Brotherhood	MD	---	This is a small, newly-created white supremacist prison gang in Maryland. Despite its name, the Maryland Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE


## MASSACHUSETTS

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Massachusetts Aryan Brotherhood	MA	---	Despite its name, the Massachusetts Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	

## MICHIGAN

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Saxon Knights</b>	IN	MI, TN	The Saxon Knights were formed in 1995 and are based primarily in the Indiana prison system.	




## MINNESOTA

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Aryan Cowboy Brotherhood</b>	MN	KY, OH	The Aryan Cowboy Brotherhood originated in the Minnesota prison system in 2013. Members do not have to serve time to get membership status. There is also an Aryan Cowboy Brotherhood street presence in Minnesota, Ohio and Kentucky.	
Inland Empire Peckerwoods	MN	---	Formed in 1995, the Inland Empire Peckerwoods was started by a California inmate who actively recruited in the Minnesota prison system.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
Minnesota Aryan Brotherhood	MN	--	Despite its name, the Minnesota Aryan Brotherhood, formed in 1991, has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
Prison Motorcycle Brotherhood	MN	--	The Prison Motorcycle Brotherhood was formed in the Minnesota prison system in 1986.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE

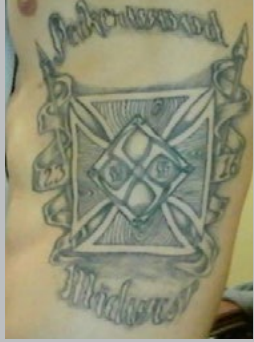
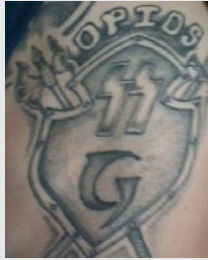
## MINNESOTA

Solid Brothers	MN	--	The Solid Brothers was formed in the Minnesota prison system in 1999.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
Supreme White Power	MN	--	Supreme White Power was formed in the Minnesota prison system in 2003.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE


## MISSOURI

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Aryan Circle</b>	TX	AR, BoP, IN, LA, MO, NM, OK, TN	Aryan Circle was created in 1985 in the Texas prison system. They have over 1,500 members and associates both inside and outside the prison system, making them one of the largest white supremacist prison gangs in the U.S.	
Family Values	MO	--	Not all members of this small prison gang are strictly white supremacists; this gang is allied with the Sacred Separatist Group prison gang.	
<b>Joplin Honkys</b>	MO	--	The Joplin Honkys are a racist prison/street gang located primarily in southwest Missouri. There is an offshoot known as the Southwest Honkys.	
Missouri Aryan Brotherhood	MO	--	Despite its name, the Missouri Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE

## MISSOURI

<b>Peckerwood Midwest</b>	MO	--	Peckerwood Midwest is a Missouri-based white supremacist prison gang with a presence both in the state's prison system and on the streets.	
<b>Sacred Separatist Group</b>	MO	--	Sacred Separatist Group is a white supremacist prison gang founded in the Missouri prison system. There has been an increased street presence of this group in Missouri.	

## MISSISSIPPI

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Mississippi Aryan Brotherhood</b>	MS	--	Formed in 1984, the Mississippi Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	

## NEBRASKA


Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Nebraska Aryan Brotherhood	NE	--	Despite its name, the Nebraska Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE



## NEBRASKA

Peckerwoods	NE	--	Various white supremacist gangs call themselves Peckerwoods in different states. In addition, some prison systems use Peckerwoods as a generic category for a white supremacist security threat group.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
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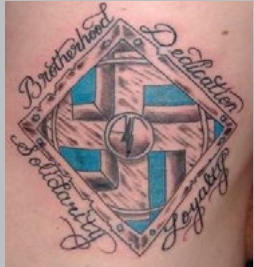

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Brothers of White Warriors	NH	--	The Brothers of White Warriors started in the New Hampshire prison system in 2005, eventually growing to be a large gang for such a small state. Members are incarcerated in other eastern states but have not yet established an organized Brothers of White Warriors presence in those states.	



## NEW JERSEY

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
East Coast Aryan Brotherhood	NJ	--	The East Coast Aryan Brotherhood was started in the New Jersey prison system in 1997. It has declined considerably in size since the late 1990s/early 2000s. Despite its name, it has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
State Prison Skins	NJ	--	The State Prison Skins started in the New Jersey prison system in 2005. There is no known street activity by this gang.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE


# NEW MEXICO

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Aryan Circle</b>	TX	AR, BoP, IN, LA, MO, NM, OK, TN	Aryan Circle was created in 1985 in the Texas prison system. They have over 1,500 members and associates both inside and outside the prison system, making them one of the largest white supremacist prison gangs in the U.S.	
New Mexico Aryan Brotherhood	NM	--	Despite its name, the New Mexico Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system. The New Mexico Aryan Brotherhood was started as an offshoot of the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
<b>Aryan Brotherhood of Texas</b>	TX	NM, OK, BoP	Started in 1984, the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas is the largest white supremacist prison gang in Texas and one of the largest in the country, with over 2,000 members. Aryan Brotherhood of Texas is very active both behind bars and on the streets of Texas and nearby states.	
Northwest NM SJC Peckerwoods	NM	--	Various white supremacist gangs call themselves Peckerwoods in different states. In addition, some prison systems use Peckerwoods as a generic category for a white supremacist security threat group.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE

## NEVADA

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Aryan Warriors</b>	NV	--	The Aryan Warriors are one of the oldest white supremacist prison gangs in the U.S., dating back to the 1980s. They are a rival prison gang to Outlaw Nazi Skinheads (aka ONS).	
<b>Nazi Low Riders</b>	CA	BoP, AZ, NV	The Nazi Low Riders started in the California prison system in the 1980s and have since spread to some other western states. They used to be larger and more influential than they are today.	
Nevada Aryan Brotherhood	NV	--	Despite its name, the Nevada Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
Outlaw Nazi Skinheads	NV	--	Sometimes referred to as "ONS," they are a rival prison gang to the Aryan Warriors.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
Peckerwoods	NV	--	Various white supremacist gangs call themselves Peckerwoods in different states. In addition, some prison systems use Peckerwoods as a generic category for a white supremacist security threat group.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE



## NORTH CAROLINA

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Aryan Nations</b>	TN	NC	Aryan Nations is the largest white supremacist prison gang in Tennessee, borrowing its name from the older neo-Nazi group of the same name.	



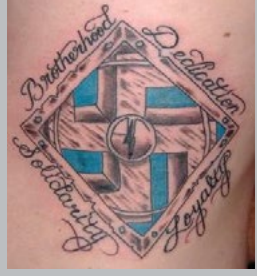

## NORTH CAROLINA

Aryan Brotherhood of North Carolina	NC	--	Despite its name, the Aryan Brotherhood of North Carolina has no connection to the “original” Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
Aryan Royals	NC	--	Founded in 2012, Aryan Royals, also known as Aryan Kings, is an off-shoot of the Bound For Glory white supremacist gang.	
Bound For Glory	NC	--	Bound For Glory was founded in 2011 in the North Carolina prison system with ties to the Aryan Royals prison gang.	


## OHIO

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Ohio Aryan Brotherhood	OH	--	Despite its name, the Ohio Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the “original” Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system. Dating back to the 1980s, it is one of the oldest white supremacist prison gangs.	
Aryan Cowboy Brotherhood	MN	KY, OH	The Aryan Cowboy Brotherhood originated in the Minnesota prison system in 2013. Members do not have to serve time to get membership status. There is also an Aryan Cowboy Brotherhood Street presence in Ohio, Minnesota and Kentucky.	




# OKLAHOMA

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Aryan Brotherhood of Oklahoma	OK	--	Despite its name, the Aryan Brotherhood of Oklahoma has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	
Aryan Brotherhood of Texas	TX	NM, OK, BoP	Started in 1984, the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas is the largest white supremacist prison gang in Texas and one of the largest in the country, with over 2,000 members. Aryan Brotherhood of Texas is very active both behind bars and on the streets of Texas and nearby states.	
Aryan Circle	TX	AR, BoP, IN, LA, MO, NM, OK, TN	Aryan Circle was created in 1985 in the Texas prison system. They have over 1,500 members and associates both inside and outside the prison system, making them one of the largest white supremacist prison gangs in the U.S.	
Aryan Nations	OK	--	Aryan Nations is a small white supremacist prison gang in Oklahoma, borrowing its name from the older neo-Nazi group of the same name. The Oklahoma Aryan Nations gang is not linked to the prison gang of the same name in Tennessee and North Carolina.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
Dirty White Boys	See notes	See notes	There are several prison gangs throughout the United States called "Dirty White Boys." Some of these are related to each other, and others are not.	

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<b>Universal Aryan Brotherhood</b>	OK	--	Formed in 1993, the Universal Aryan Brotherhood is based in the Oklahoma prison system. Despite its name, the Universal Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the “original” Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	
United Aryan Brotherhood	OK	IN	Despite its name, the United Aryan Brotherhood has no connection to the “original” Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE

## OREGON

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Aryan Knights</b>	ID	WA, OR	Aryan Knights is Idaho’s largest white supremacist prison gang, with more than 200 members.	
Aryan Soldiers	OR	WY	Aryan Soldiers is a fairly small prison gang started in Oregon and also found in Wyoming.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
<b>European Kindred</b>	OR	WA, ID	European Kindred was founded in 1998 in the Oregon prison system. It is the largest white supremacist prison gang in the Pacific Northwest, with over 500 members.	
International Peckerwood Syndicate	OR	WA	Formed in 2005 in the Oregon prison system, International Peckerwood Syndicate is also known as Insane Peckerwood Syndicate.	


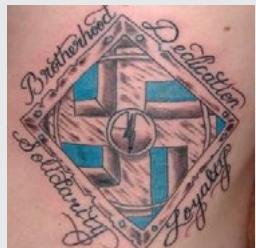
## OREGON

Oregonized (sic) Aryan Crime Syndicate	OR	--	Intentionally misspelled to incorporate part of "Oregon" into their name, they are a fairly small prison gang in the state.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
Supreme White Aryan Knights	OR	--	Supreme White Aryan Knights is a small prison gang in the Oregon Department of Corrections.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE





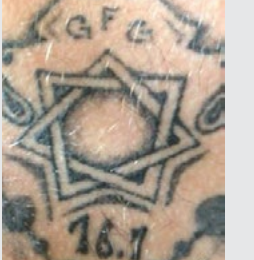
## PENNSYLVANIA

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Aryan Resistance Movement	PA	BoP	The Aryan Resistance Movement was founded in the late 1990s by Tony Adams and Michael Holdridge.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE

## TENNESSEE


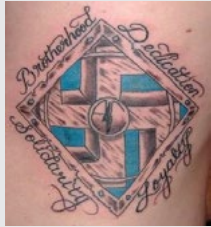
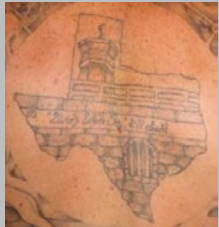


Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Aryan Brotherhood of Tennessee/ Brotherhood Forever	TN	VA	Despite its name, the Aryan Brotherhood of Tennessee has no connection to the "original" Aryan Brotherhood based in California and the federal prison system. They are also known as Brotherhood Forever.	
Aryan Circle	TX	AR, BoP, IN, LA, MO, NM, OK, TN	Aryan Circle was created in 1985 in the Texas prison system. They have over 1,500 members and associates both inside and outside the prison system, making them one of the largest white supremacist prison gangs in the U.S.	

# TENNESSEE




<p><b>Aryan Nations</b></p>	<p>TN</p>	<p>NC</p>	<p>Aryan Nations is the largest white supremacist prison gang in Tennessee with over 700 members. It borrows its name from the older neo-Nazi group of the same name but is a completely separate group.</p>	
<p><b>Crazy White Boys</b></p>	<p>See notes</p>	<p>See notes</p>	<p>There have been a number of Crazy White Boys gangs in different places around the United States, in prisons and on the streets.</p>	
<p><b>Dirty White Boys</b></p>	<p>See notes</p>	<p>See notes</p>	<p>There are several prison gangs throughout the United States called "Dirty White Boys." Some of these are related to each other, and others are not.</p>	<p>NO PATCH AVAILABLE</p>
<p><b>Saxon Knights</b></p>	<p>IN</p>	<p>MI, TN</p>	<p>The Saxon Knights were formed in 1995 and are based primarily in the Indiana prison system.</p>	
<p><b>White Aryan Resistance</b></p>	<p>See notes</p>	<p>See notes</p>	<p>Various white supremacist gangs in multiple states have used the name White Aryan Resistance but are not necessarily linked to each other.</p>	
<p><b>Ghost Face Gangsters</b></p>	<p>GA</p>	<p>AL, TN</p>	<p>This group originated in California in the 1970s, with the Georgia offshoot forming in 1998 by an original California founding member. Not all members of the group are white supremacists.</p>	



# TEXAS

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Aryan Brotherhood of Texas</b>	TX	NM, OK, BoP	Started in 1984, the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas is the largest white supremacist prison gang in Texas and one of the largest in the country, with over 2,000 members. Aryan Brotherhood of Texas is very active both behind bars and on the streets of Texas and nearby states.	
<b>Aryan Circle</b>	TX	AR, BoP, IN, LA, MO, NM, OK, TN	Aryan Circle was created in 1985 in the Texas prison system. They have over 1,500 members and associates both inside and outside the prison system, making them one of the largest white supremacist prison gangs in the U.S.	
Dirty White Boys	See notes	See notes	There are several prison gangs throughout the United States called "Dirty White Boys." Some of these are related to each other, and others are not.	
<b>Solid Wood Soldiers</b>	TX	--	This group started out as the Stupid Woods, also known as the Separate White State. Gang members also refer to the Solid Wood Soldiers as the "wolf pack," "pack," and "family."	
<b>White Knights of America</b>	TX	AZ	The White Knights of America originated in the Texas prison system and later expanded to Arizona.	


## UTAH

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Krieger Verwandt	UT	--	Loosely translated, Krieger Verwandt stands for "Warrior Kindred." They are a small prison gang found only in Utah.	
<b>Silent Aryan Warriors (SAW)</b>	UT	--	Based primarily in the Utah prison system, Silent Aryan Warriors also have a known street presence in the state.	
<b>Soldiers of Aryan Culture</b>	UT	BoP	Founded in the 1990s, Soldiers of Aryan Culture is a Utah-based white supremacist prison gang.	




## VERMONT

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Hitler's Henchmen	VT	--	Hitler's Henchmen is a relatively small prison gang found only in Vermont.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE

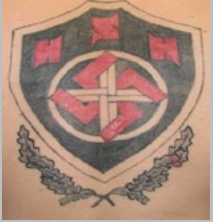

## VIRGINIA

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
<b>Brotherhood Forever</b>	TN	VA	Originally started in Tennessee, the Brotherhood Forever Virginia chapter was created in 2012 by one of the Tennessee founders.	

## WASHINGTON

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Aryan Family	WA	--	The Aryan Family prison gang was founded in 1993 in the Washington prison system.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE
<b>Aryan Knights</b>	WA	WA, OR	Aryan Knights is Idaho's largest white supremacist prison gang, with more than 200 members.	
Aryan Skinhead Kindred	WA	--	Aryan Skinhead Kindred is a small prison gang in Washington. They are allied with the Hakenkreuz Skinheads prison gang.	
<b>European Kindred</b>	OR	ID, WA	European Kindred was founded in 1998 in the Oregon prison system.	

## WASHINGTON

Hakenkreuz Skinheads	WA	--	Hakenkreuz, German for “hooked cross,” is a term also for the swastika. The Hakenkreuz Skinheads were formed in 2000 in the Washington prison system and have since spread to the streets.	
International Peckerwood Syndicate	OR	WA	Formed in 2005 in the Oregon prison system, International Peckerwood Syndicate is also known as Insane Peckerwood Syndicate.	
White Alliance	WA	--	White Alliance is a small Washington-based prison gang.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE

## WYOMING

Gang Name	Primary State Location	Other States with Considerable Activity	Notes	Gang Patch
Aryan Soldiers	OR	WY	Aryan Soldiers is a fairly small prison gang started in Oregon and also found in Wyoming.	NO PATCH AVAILABLE





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