

**VIOLENT CRIME AND GANG PROSECUTIONS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

<u><b>CASE</b></u>	<u><b>TARGETED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY</b></u>	<u><b>SENTENCES</b></u>
<p>Operation Lightning Bolt (Overtown/Liberty City)</p>	<p>Proactive narcotics and firearms investigation targeting criminal street gang and individuals suspected of committing homicides in Overtown area of Dade County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 64 defendants charged federally</li> <li>• Seizure of firearms, including a sawed off shotgun, an AK47 assault rifle, and an Uzi</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life sentences for several of the most violent targets</li> <li>• Majority of lead defendants sentenced to over ten years imprisonment</li> </ul>
<p>The Knotty Head Clique (Ft. Lauderdale to Daytona Beach)</p>	<p>Two year investigation of a bank robbery gang responsible for over 40 armed bank robberies using handguns and high powered rifles in South Florida</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19 defendants arrested for bank robbery and firearms and narcotics charges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sentences as high as 82 years</li> </ul>
<p>Operation Haitian Palm (Model City)</p>	<p>Proactive investigation that dismantled high volume narcotics distribution gang operating in and around the Model City area of Miami</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 defendants indicted and convicted</li> <li>• 5 firearms and \$122,000 seized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sentences in the 10 to 14 year range for lead defendants</li> <li>• Several minimum mandatory sentences for various defendants</li> </ul>
<p>Mobile Enforcement Team Deployment (Hallandale Beach)</p>	<p>Proactive narcotics investigation in Hallandale targeting repeat offenders in high intensity drug area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31 defendants prosecuted federally</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most defendants sentenced to over 10 years</li> <li>• Several life sentences</li> </ul>
<p>Mobile Enforcement Team Deployment (Opa Locka)</p>	<p>Proactive narcotics and violent crime investigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 defendants charged federally</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sentences in the 10-15 year range</li> </ul>
<p>U.S. v. Calles, et al. (West Palm Beach)</p>	<p>Four defendants, including members of MS-13, convicted for kidnapping after defendants fled Virginia following a shooting involving a MS-13 associate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sentences ranging from 10 to 25 years</li> </ul>
<p>Prosecution of Violent Home Invasion Gangs (Broward and Dade)</p>	<p>Proactive cases targeting individuals who have expressed a willingness and desire to commit armed robberies in violation of the Hobbs Act</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most defendants sentenced to over 10 years and up to life</li> </ul>