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GANG ACTIVITY CASE EXAMPLES

- **MS-13 – Baltimore Field Division Operation Mano Dura**
The ATF-led Regional Area Gang Enforcement (R.A.G.E.) task force perfected RICO charges in this MS-13 gang case against 22 subjects who have been indicted and arrested. A 2005 indictment charged numerous RICO predicate acts including seven homicides, numerous shootings, beatings, and other violent crimes in aid of racketeering. To date, seven defendants have pled guilty to RICO conspiracy charges, and two others were found guilty on all counts by a federal jury. One defendant has been sentenced to 87 months in federal prison, and a second has been sentenced to 10 years in federal prison. Six defendants are scheduled to go on trial in March. No trial date has been set for the remaining defendants, including nine who face a determination as to whether the United States will seek the death penalty.
- **Jungle Junkies Street Gang – New York Field Division Operation Concrete Jungle**
This ATF-sponsored OCDETF investigation, initiated in August 2005, targets the Jungle Junkies, a violent street gang operating in Albany, New York. 29 defendants have been charged in a RICO indictment predicated upon 37 narcotics trafficking charges and eight attempted murders. ATF documented the use of 20 firearms by members of this street gang. ATF's National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) played a vital role in linking several shootings by gang members.
- **Asian Crips – Tampa Field Division Operation Broken Sickle**
An ATF investigation into the activities of the Asian Crips gang resulted in 27 members being indicted/arrested for violations of federal law. A November 2006 indictment charged gang members with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, armed narcotics trafficking, possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute and possession of non-registered Title II firearms. To date, 16 defendants have pled guilty and the remaining defendants are scheduled for trial in 2007. Further arrests are anticipated in the future.

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More than 45 firearms and drugs including crack cocaine, cocaine powder, ecstasy, and marijuana were purchased or seized; and \$400,000 in vehicles and property was seized.

- **Latin Kings – Chicago Field Division Operation Broken Crown**
Federal and local law enforcement, led by ATF, seized 90 weapons and more than 15 kilos of cocaine in a three-year probe of the Latin Kings, the city's second largest street gang. Among those charged was the highest-ranking leader, Fernando "Ace" King, 36, of Chicago, alleged to have been the "Supreme Inca," and his accused second-in-command, Anthony Compean, 29, of Cicero. A three-year investigation led to a series of search warrants and the arrest of 29 alleged Latin Kings members accused of running a drug-trafficking operation on Chicago's South Side and in the south suburbs.

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