COMMON SIGNS AND SYMBOLS

83. As turf-based gangs, DBG and TOWERSIDE must make their presence in the community known. DBG and TOWERSIDE gang members congregate in visible areas in the turf, wear identifiable clothing, use hand signs, graffiti, tattoos, and social networking sites to publicly represent their gangs, control their turf, and garner respect from their fellow members.

84. Maintaining their public presence (in addition to their crimes and acts of violence) sends a message to rival gang members and community members alike, that the gang controls the territory, will defend its territory, and will attack, shoot, even kill rival gang members, or anyone else they perceive to be interfering with the gang's business.

DOWN BELOW GANGSTERS

85. DBG gang members use the following symbols and phrases to identify and represent the gang:

- "Down Below Gangsters"
- "Down Below Gang"
- "DBG"
- "324" (referring to the letters "D", "B", and "G" on a telephone key pad)
- "Down the Hill"
- "Down Below"
- "The/Tha/Da Low"
- "Lo/w"
- "Low Boys"
- "LB"
- "Sunnydale"
- "SD"
- "Nolia" (referring to Magnolia, a New Orleans public housing development)
- "N.O." (referring to Nolia)
- "Sunnydale 42nd/42"
- "42" (referring to a parking lot at the Sunnydale Housing Development)
- "1800 Block" (referring to the 1800 block of Sunnydale Avenue)
- "1700 Block" (referring to the 1700 block of Sunnydale Avenue)
- "1600 Block" (referring to the 1500 block of Sunnydale Avenue)
- "1500 Block" (referring to the 1500 block of Sunnydale Avenue)
- "Spunk Squad"
- "YGs"
- "Young Guns/z"
- "Young, Young Guns/z"
- "YYGs"
- "Borderline"
- "BL"
- "Borderline Posse"
- "Borderline Players"
- "BLP"
- "257" (referring to the letters "B", "L", and "P" on a telephone key pad)
- "Border Low"
- "Swampy D"
- "The Swamp"
Similarly, TOWERSIDE gang members use their own symbols and phrases to identify and represent the gang. Those symbols and phrases include the following:

- "Geneva Towers"
- "Towerside"
- "Towers"
- "Tower Block"
- "TB"
- "T"
- "T-Side"
- "33"
- "33rd"
- "The/a 3s"
- "312"
- "1100 Block" (referring to 1100 Block of Sunnydale Avenue)
- "Brick Home Posse"
- "BHP"
- "Brick Homes"
- "The Bricks"
- "Bricks"

CLOTHING

DBG gang members display these gang symbols within the Proposed Safety Zone on their clothing, hats, and other accessories, as a way to identify each other, mark their turf, intimidate the community, and flaunt their presence. It is common, within the Proposed Safety Zone, to see known DBG gang members wearing clothing and accessories featuring the above symbols.

88. Below are examples of photos of the DBG clothing and accessories described above.

PHOTOS 4-6: Shows a pair of black jeans with handwriting on the pants made with a type of clothing marker. Markings are not consistent with a store-bought item. "Sunnydale", "324" which represent on a touch-tone phone the letters "DBG", "DBG", "THA LOW", "42nd" reference to a parking lot in the Sunnydale in the Proposed Safety Zone, "THA NOLIA" a reference to their turf, a spinoff of the Magnolia Gardens, a notorious public housing project in New Orleans.

![Photo 4](Image)

![Photo 5](Image)

![Photo 6](Image)
**PHOTO 4:** Shows someone wearing a mask with the term "NOLIA." NOLIA is a term used by DBG to represent their gang.

**PHOTOS 8-10:** Show a known DBG member wearing a hat with the letters "SD." "SD" represents Sunnydale and it is a symbol used by DBG members.

**Photo 8**

**Photo 9**

**Photo 10** (Note, the member on the right is also displaying a "4" a common DBG hand sign discussed in further detail below.)
PHOTOS 11-14: Photos show known DBG members wearing red bandanas.  

Photo 11: Red bandana and DBG hand sign.  

Photo 12: Shows red bandana and two DBG hand signs.  

Photo 13: Shows red bandana and the "42" hand sign.  

Photo 14: Shows the red bandana while gesturing as if holding a rifle or shotgun.  

The color red has been recently used by DBG members to represent DBG and DBG's alliance with the Oakdale Mob gang. I first noticed DBG members wearing red after the July 19, 2008 murder of Oakdale Mob member Daniel Dennard. Since that time, DBG has continued to use red as a color symbolizing and representing the gang.
PHOTOS 15: Shows red bandana and a DBG hand sign.

PHOTOS 16-17: Show a baseball cap with two known DBG symbols, "YG" for "Young Gunz" and "Borda Low" a reference to "Borderline" and "Down Below" terms that has become synonymous with DBG. The markings are not consistent with a store-bought item.

PHOTOS 17-18: Show a white t-shirt with the following DBG symbols: "NOLIA", "42\textsuperscript{nd}", "324", as well as a rendering of the DBG hand sign representing the number 42. Markings are not consistent with a store-bought item.
89. TOWERSIDE members display their gang symbols within the Proposed Safety Zone on their clothing, hats, and other accessories, as a way to identify each other, mark their turf, intimidate the community, and warn their rivals. It is common, within the Proposed Safety Zone, to see known TOWERSIDE gang members wearing clothing and accessories featuring the above symbols.

90. Below are examples of photos of the TOWERSIDE clothing and accessories described above.

PHOTOS 19-20: Show use of the letter "T" for "TOWERSIDE", a common symbol of Defendant TOWERSIDE.