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OFFICER SAFETY / AWARENESS / INTEL



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TREN DE ARAGUA (TdA)

Tren de Aragua (TdA) is a Venezuelan transnational gang originating in Aragua State, Venezuela in the 2000's. TdA's presence had expanded to Central and South American Countries. Foreign law enforcement reporting estimates between 2,500 to 7,000 members within the organization, with networks progressively expanding operations throughout Latin America, AND has a reported presence in US states of Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Nevada, New York, and Texas.

United States presence & CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Preliminary reporting indicates that TdA is involved in human smuggling and drug trafficking and continues to exploit migratory movements destined for the United States. As the threat evolves, law enforcement seeks to identify the extent of TdA's criminal activity and presence in the United States. Previously established behavior in South America indicates TdA's ability to assimilate with other criminal actors and local gangs in new regions.



Transnational presence & CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

TdA has expanded its presence and criminal activity throughout Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Peru, Nicaragua, and Mexico. TdA has a high propensity for violence and is involved in extortion, kidnapping, human trafficking, human smuggling, drug trafficking, weapons trafficking, fraud, and homicide. Their modus operandi includes exploiting migratory movements throughout Latin America to facilitate criminal operations. To facilitate their expansion, TdA leverages alliances with other criminal actors and local gangs in the regions it seeks to control. TdA has established alliances with Latin American based TCOs (transnational criminal organizations). TdA's leader has directed key members to new countries including the United States and Canada to oversee new criminal revenue streams.

LEADERSHIP

Hector Guerrero Flores "El Niño" Guerrero leads the organization and controls operations of international expansion. He previously controlled the organization from within Venezuela's Tocarón Prison until a government-led prison raid on 20 September 2023. His whereabouts are currently unknown and Interpol Red Notices for Guerrero have been submitted by the governments of Chile and Venezuela.

Tren De Aragua (TdA)

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- TdA has expanded in to at least 8 states since 2022.
- They'll be seen dressed like rappers and wearing black & red jerseys like Bulls, Blackhawks or Jordan apparel
- Believed to be involved with narcotics, human and sex trafficking and extortion. Running retail theft rings.
- Tattoos are big with these guys, listed on next page. Alert the lockup keeper if arresting a suspected member so tattoos can be documented
- Drug of choice is Pink Cocaine which is a mixture of several drugs and can vary between different narcotics. E.g. Ecstasy, Amphetamines, LSD, or other synthetic drugs. When encountering Pink Cocaine treat as if recovering Fentanyl as it is often used as well.

█ guys
encountered suspected members



OFFICER INFO

14 MAR 24

INDENTIFIABLE "TREN DE ARAGUA" TATTOOS

-COLORS: PRIMARILY RED/BLACK.

-TATS: CLOCKS, OWLS/DOVE, ROSE(S), CLOCKS, POCKET WATCHES, ANCHORS, GRENADES, RIFLE, GAS MASKS, CROWNS, STARS, MICHAEL JORDAN LOGO, POPEYE THE SAILOR, VESSEL WHEEL.

"Real 'til Death"

H.J. "Hijos de Dios"



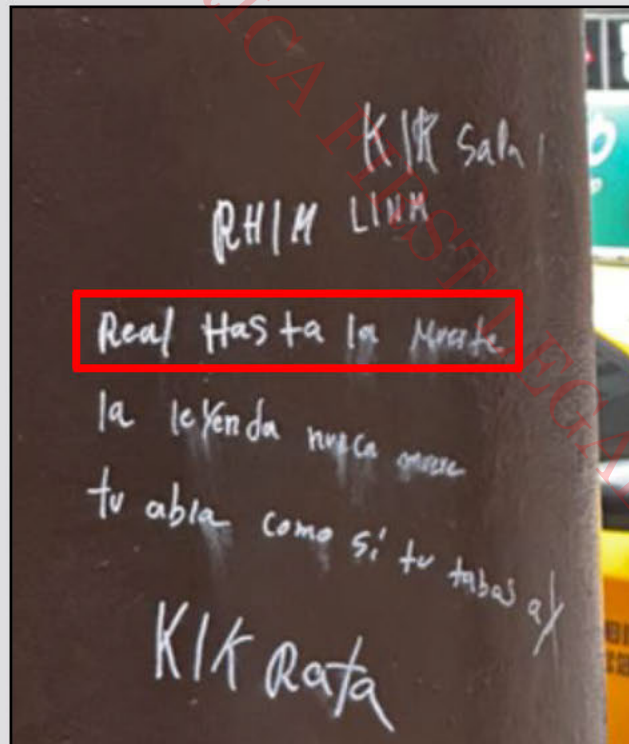
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Potential Tren de Aragua (TdA) Graffiti Observed in Chicago, Illinois, in late October 2023.

In late October 2023, a law enforcement officer observed graffiti on a light post in the 160 block of East Ohio Street in Chicago, Illinois. Written in Spanish, the legible portion of the graffiti roughly translates to **"real 'til death, the legend never dies, you talk as if you were."** "Real hasta la muerte" is a commonly used phrase among members of TdA.



ATTENTION: All Units**SITUATIONAL AWARENESS / OFFICER SAFETY**

Information has been received by the Crime Prevention and Information Center (CPIC) regarding threats of violence towards Law Enforcement by members from “**Tren de Aragua (TdA)**.”

It has been reported by multiple sources that members from the transnational criminal organization “**Tren de Aragua (TdA)**” have been given a “green light” to fire upon or attack law enforcement personnel in Denver, Colorado.

“**Tren de Aragua (TdA)**” is a Venezuelan transnational criminal organization which originated in the Venezuelan state of Aragua. Members have a presence in several South American countries as well multiple states in the United States including the City of Chicago. Members are known to be extremely violent and involved in the following activities (but not limited to): murder, human trafficking, arms trafficking, drug trafficking, kidnapping, extortion and organized thefts. Members have been previously identified by the following types of tattoos: Illuminati eye (mainly on hands), Train, Clock, Ak-47, Rose, Gas Mask, Crown, matching Stars, the “Jump man Logo” or number 23. Phrases or initials “H.J.” (Hijos de Dios - Spanish for Sons of God) as well as “Real Hasta la Muerte” (Spanish for Real Til Death) are also used. It should be noted that even though these tattoos have been observed among **TdA** members, this is not all inclusive and it is recommended that additional identifiers are used to determine “**Tren de Aragua (TdA)**” association.

At this time, there has been no intelligence received indicating direct threats to Law Enforcement in the Chicago area. However, due to the violent nature of “**Tren de Aragua (TdA)**” and recent source reporting regarding the potential of violence towards Law Enforcement, Officers are to use caution and tactical awareness when encountering individuals believed to have affiliation with “**Tren de Aragua (TdA)**.” Officers are reminded that they need to develop their own Reasonable Articulable Suspicion to detain and/or Probable Cause to arrest.

008th District Problem Residences

23 Mar 24

██████████ Apartment complex which supplies drug deals/dealers.

██████████ - Problem House, Gang and Narcotics hangout & drug sales.

██████████ – Suspected **Tren de Aragua** locations. Home to burglars. Narcotics and gang hangouts.

██████████ – Faceworld/Bogus Bogus hangout & drug sales.

██████████ – Rockwell Boys/Hit Squad GD hang out & drug sales.

██████████ – Apartment building gang hang out & drug sales.

██████████ – 7-2 GD hang out. Hot car garage stash.

██████████ – Drug house, serving out of the rear 2nd floor with pulley system

██████████ – BOCO/BOCA GD hang out & drug sales.

██████████ – Gang hang out & drug sales

██████████ – Residence that is catalyst and/or target for multiple calls for shots fired.

██████████ Selling Narcotics from the house.

██████████ Several gang bangers, different factions, numerous SST's, 2 arrested for Murder already.

██████████ – Selling narcotics, heroin and crack cocaine.

██████████ – Home to individuals involved in numerous violent domestics, shots fired calls, Agg Assault handgun, etc.

██████████ – Home of ██████████ Home target of gang shootings. Gang hangout. Prior arrest for Murder.

██████████ – Drug house. Sells from garage mostly.