

**HISTORY:** The Crips street gang was established in Los Angeles in the early 1970's by Raymond Lee Washington, now deceased. Stanley Tookie Williams, referred to as the Crips' cofounder, was executed at SanQuetin.

**MEMBERSHIP/HIERARCHY:** The Crips consist primarily of AfricanMembership/American males. According to the NDIC there are approximately 35,000 Crips members throughout the United States. Crips have no charter or national hierarchy. They are, instead, a loose association of local, selfgoverning "sets". These sets determine their own name and formal structure. Crip Set structures may vary from no formal leadership, to a hierarchy consisting of a leader, lieutenants, drug coordinators, soldiers and drug couriers.

**LOCATION:** Crips are one of the largest gangs in NC and numerous sets can be found throughout North Carolina. Crips in NC and the East Coast are loosely aligned with Folk Nation gangs.

**GANG IDENTIFIERS:** The Crips dominant color is Blue. Most Crips "represent" to the right by tilting their hats to the right side, wearing blue colored laces on the right shoe, and rolling up the right pant's leg, etc. Crips may use the letter "C" in writings replacing the letter "B". Crips' symbols include the six pointed star which represents Life, Loyalty, Love, Knowledge, Wisdom and Understanding.

**CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES:** Crips primary source of income is from narcotics distribution. Crips are also involved in drive-by shootings, theft, prostitution and violent crimes.



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