

HISTORY: Folk Nation began as an affiliation of Chicago street gangs in the 1980's that were allies of the Gangster Disciples. The increased number of gang members entering the Chicago prison population created a need for immediate means of identifying allies from rivals.

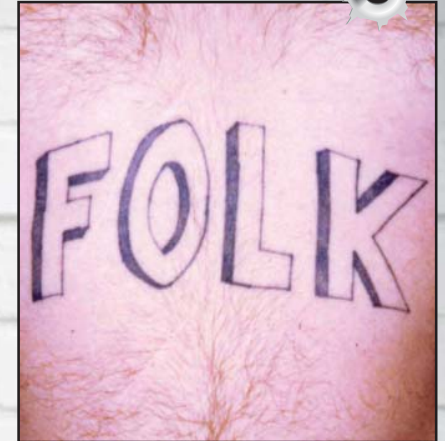
MEMBERSHIP/HIERARCHY: Folk Nation is not a gang itself; rather, it is one of the nation's two major alliances of street gangs. Major Folk gangs include Gangster Disciples, Black Gangster Disciples, Insane Gangster Disciples La Raza, various factions of the Disciples Nation. Folk Nation maintains a charter and a strict code of conduct driven by the "All for One and One for All" philosophy. Though not considered a traditional Folk Nation gang, some Crips sets may show alliance to Folk Nation Gangs.

LOCATION: There are many Folk Nation gangs that exist throughout in North Carolina and the United States.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY: Folk Nation gangs are similar to any other gang, cumulatively involved in a myriad of criminal activity, including violent crime, auto theft, fraud, money laundering, weapons trafficking, home invasion, burglary, extortion and drug trafficking.

GANG IDENTIFIERS: Within Folk Nation, individual gangs maintain their own identifiers but use some common symbols to identify their affiliation with the alliance. **Note:** Crip sets throughout North Carolina use the Gangster Disciple/Folk Nation signs, symbols and terminology as their own or develop a hybrid between the two gangs.

- 6 pointed star
- Pitchfork
- Heart (alone or with wings, devil's tail, and/or horns)
- Number 6
- "BOS" or "BOSS"
- Wear everything to the right (caps, bandannas, belt buckles, rolled pants leg, jewelry)/communicate with right hand



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