

# NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT



SECURITY THREAT  
INTELLIGENCE UNIT





# ADULT PRISONS DIVISION

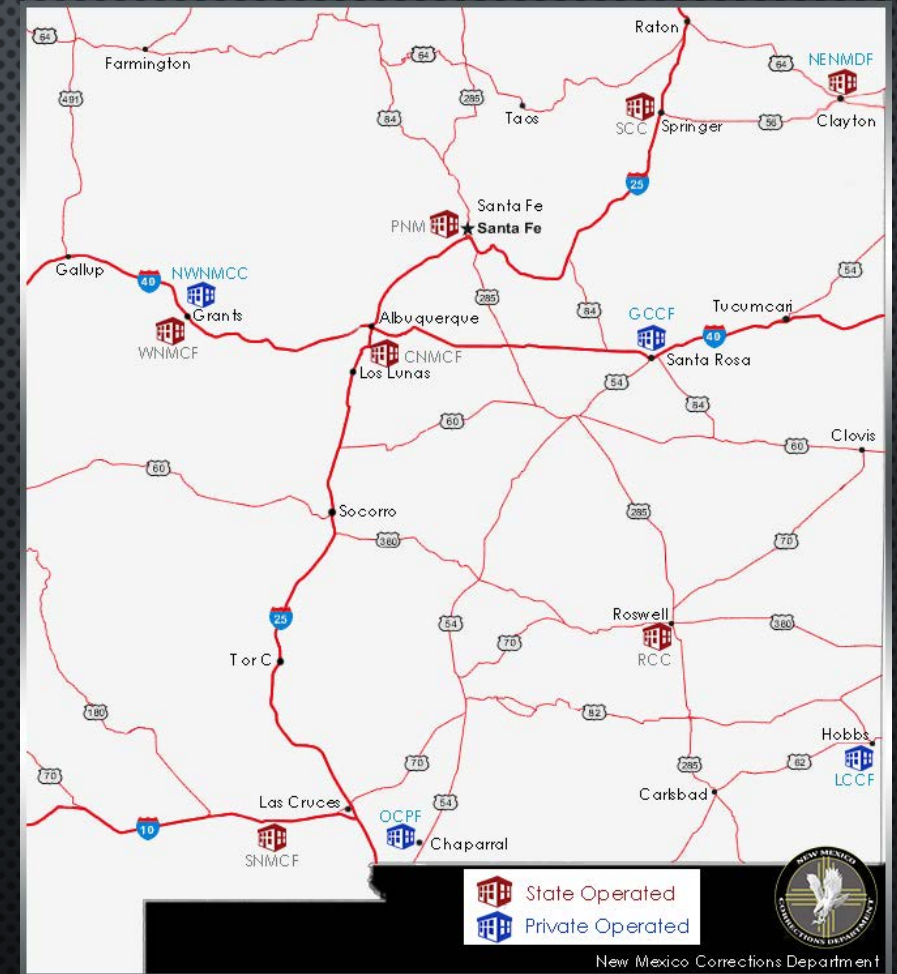


- 7 STATE OPERATED FACILITIES:

- PENITENTIARY OF NEW MEXICO , SANTA FE
- CENTRAL NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, LOS LUNAS
- WESTERN NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, GRANTS
- ROSWELL CORRECTIONAL CENTER, ROSWELL
- SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, LAS CRUCES
- SPRINGER CORRECTIONAL CENTER, SPRINGER
- NORTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO DETENTION FACILITY, CLAYTON

- 4 PRIVATE CONTRACT OPERATED FACILITIES:

- GUADALUPE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, SANTA ROSA
- LEA COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, HOBBS
- OTERO COUNTY PRISON FACILITY, CHAPARRAL
- NORTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONAL CENTER, GRANTS





# PRISON GANGS IN THE US:

- **MANY OF THE LARGER, WELL KNOWN PRISON GANGS ORIGINATED IN THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION IN THE 1960's AND 1970's:**
  - **MEXICAN MAFIA "LA EME" – HISPANIC GANG ESTABLISHED IN CALIFORNIA'S DEUEL VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE IN 1957**
  - **NUESTRA FAMILIA - HISPANIC GANG ESTABLISHED IN CALIFORNIA'S SOLEDAD PRISON IN THE 1960's**
  - **BLACK GUERILLA FAMILY – AFRICAN AMERICAN GANG ESTABLISHED IN CALIFORNIA'S SAN QUENTIN PRISON IN 1966**
  - **ARYAN BROTHERHOOD – ANGLO GANG ESTABLISHED IN CALIFORNIA'S SAN QUENTIN PRISON IN 1964.**
- **CRIMINAL ACTIVITY RANGED FROM DRUG DISTRIBUTION, ROBBERY, AND MURDER TO MORE LARGE SCALE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY ON A "CORPORATE" LEVEL. THESE CRIMES OCCUR BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THE PRISON WALLS.**
- **MANY OF THESE PRISON GANGS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE US WITHIN STATE AND FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEMS AND SET THE FOUNDATION FOR OTHER EMERGING PRISON GANGS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO FOLLOW AND BUILD UPON.**





# PRISON GANGS IN NEW MEXICO – SECURITY THREAT GROUPS

- INITIAL GANG PRESENCE IN THE NMCD DURING THE LATE 1970'S CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF THE ARYAN BROTHERHOOD, TEXAS SYNDICATE, AND BLACK GUERRILLA FAMILY.
- THE NMCD HAS IDENTIFIED 3 DIFFERENT SECURITY THREAT GROUPS
- THESE SECURITY THREAT GROUPS ACCOUNT FOR APPROXIMATELY 2% OF THE INMATE POPULATION.
- THESE SECURITY THREAT GROUPS INCLUDE:
  - SINDICATO NUEVO MEXICO (CURRENT)
  - LOS CARNALES (DE-CERTIFIED IN JANUARY 2021)
  - CALIFORNIA SURENOS (CURRENT)





# PRISON GANGS IN NEW MEXICO – SINDICATO NUEVO MEXICO:

- **SINDICATO NUEVO MEXICO (SNM):**
  - THE FIRST SECURITY THREAT GROUP TO BE CERTIFIED BY THE NMCD
  - CAME INTO PROMINENCE FOLLOWING THE 1980 PRISON RIOT AT THE PENITENTIARY OF NEW MEXICO IN SANTA FE, NM.
  - THE SNM FORMED FROM THE IDEOLOGIES OF THE CALIFORNIA MEXICAN MAFIA.
  - SNM MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR 5 MURDERS WITHIN THE PRISON SYSTEM AND 7 MURDERS OUTSIDE OF THE PRISON SYSTEM.





## PRISON GANGS IN NEW MEXICO – SINDICATO NUEVO MEXICO:

- SINDICATO NUEVO MEXICO OR SNM IS AN ULTRAVIOLENT PRISON GANG THAT CONTROLLED THE MAJORITY OF NEW MEXICO'S PRISONS AND HISPANIC STREET GANGS. THE SNM WAS FORMED IN THE WAKE OF THE DEADLY 1980 SANTA FE PRISON RIOT IN WHICH 33 INMATES WERE MURDERED AND 12 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WERE TAKEN HOSTAGE, BEATEN, AND SEXUALLY ASSAULTED.
- THE 1980 PRISON RIOT IN SANTA FE, NM IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE MOST VIOLENT PRISON RIOT IN US HISTORY.
- FOLLOWING THE 1980 RIOT, THE SNM EXPANDED THROUGHOUT THE NEW MEXICO PENAL SYSTEM AND BOLSTERED AS MANY AS 500 MEMBERS





# PRISON GANGS IN NEW MEXICO – SINDICATO NUEVO MEXICO:

- **SNM MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF 4 POLICE OFFICERS (MESILLA MARSHALL OFFICE, BERNALILLO COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE, ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND RIO RANCHO POLICE DEPARTMENT)**
- **SNM MEMBERS HAVE CONDUCTED ASSAULTS ON MULTIPLE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.**
- **IN 2014 SNM SANCTIONED THE HOMICIDE OF ANOTHER INMATE AT SNMCF IN LAS CRUCES, NM.**
- **IN 2015, FEDERAL RICO (RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS) AND VICAR (VIOLENT CRIMES IN AID OF RACKETEERING) INVESTIGATIONS COMMENCED AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE SNM.**







# IN MEMORIAM



**THOMAS ARLEN RICHMOND**

**MESILLA MARSHAL'S OFFICE**

**END OF WATCH: 07/13/1988**



**CHERYL TILLER**

**ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**END OF WATCH: 06/07/1998**



**JAMES FRANCIS McGRANE, JR.**

**BERNALILLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**END OF WATCH: 03/22/2006**



**GREGG ANTHONY BENNER**

**RIO RANCHO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**END OF WATCH: 05/25/2015**



# PRISON GANGS IN NEW MEXICO – LOS CARNALES:

- **LOS CARNALES (LC)**
  - THE SECOND SECURITY THREAT GROUP TO BE CERTIFIED BY THE NMCD
  - CAME INTO PROMINENCE IN THE LATE 1970'S AND 1980'S.
  - RIVALS WITH THE SNM.
  - DE-CERTIFIED AS AN SECURITY THREAT GROUP IN 2021.

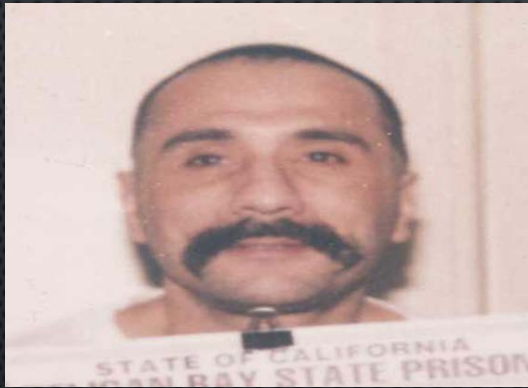
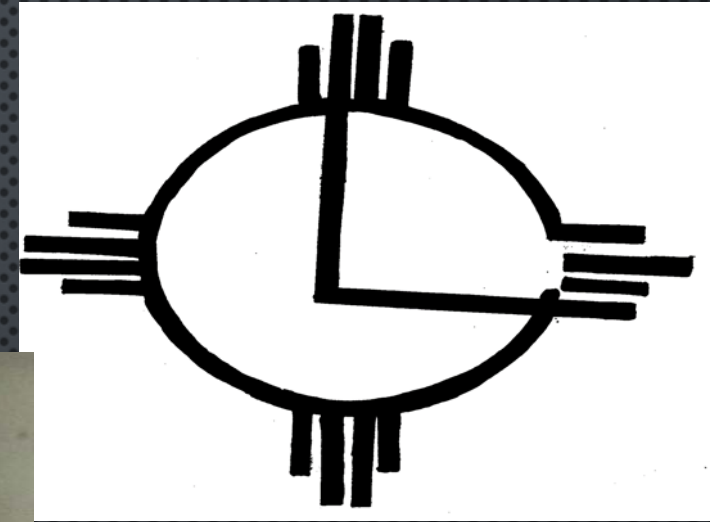




# PRISON GANGS IN NEW MEXICO – LOS CARNALES:

- **LOS CARNALES (LC)**

- ALTHOUGH SMALLER IN SIZE THAN THE SNM, LOS CARNALES MEMBERS ARE NOTORIOUS FOR METHODICAL AND CALCULATED VIOLENCE AGAINST OTHER INMATES AND STAFF.
- RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF 1 OFFICER AT GCCF AND 1 OFFICER AT PNM.







# IN MEMORIAM



**LUIS F. JEWETT, JR.**

**PENITENTIARY OF NEW MEXICO**

**END OF WATCH: 04/04/1981**



**RALPH LEE GARCIA**

**GUADALUPE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

**END OF WATCH: 08/31/1999**



# PRISON GANGS IN NEW MEXICO – CALIFORNIA SURENOS:

- CALIFORNIA SURENOS:
  - THE THIRD SECURITY THREAT GROUP TO BE CERTIFIED BY THE NMCD
  - BECAME PREVALENT IN THE EARLY 2000's.
  - CERTIFIED AS A SECURITY THREAT GROUP IN 2013.
  - RIVALS WITH THE SNM.





# PRISON GANGS IN NEW MEXICO – CALIFORNIA SURENOS:

- CALIFORNIA SURENOS:
  - IN 2012 THROUGH 2013 THE CALIFORNIA SURENOS CONTINUED THEIR ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR AND EVEN BEGAN PREYING UPON OTHER CALIFORNIA SURENOS. NUMEROUS “LEADERS” OF THE CALIFORNIA SURENOS WERE ASSAULTED AND/OR STABBED BY FELLOW MEMBERS.
  - BETWEEN 2012 AND 2014 STIU CONDUCTED INVESTIGATIONS WHICH LED TO THE CERTIFICATION OF THE CALIFORNIA SURENOS AS A SECURITY THREAT GROUP IN 2014.





# PRISON GANGS IN NEW MEXICO – DISRUPTIVE GROUPS/STREET GANGS:

- APPROXIMATELY 400 DISRUPTIVE GROUPS/STREET GANGS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM. THESE DISRUPTIVE GROUPS/STREET GANGS ACCOUNT FOR APPROXIMATELY 35% OF THE INMATE POPULATION.
- SOME EXAMPLES OF THESE GROUPS INCLUDE:
  - CRAZY TOWN ROSWELL
  - LAS CRUCES BOYS
  - BURQUENOS
  - LOS PADILLAS
  - SAN JOSE
  - BREW TOWN LOCOS
  - WEST SIDE LOCOS
  - BLOODS
  - CRIPS
  - OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS (BANDIDOS, MONGOLS, HELLS ANGELS, ETC.)





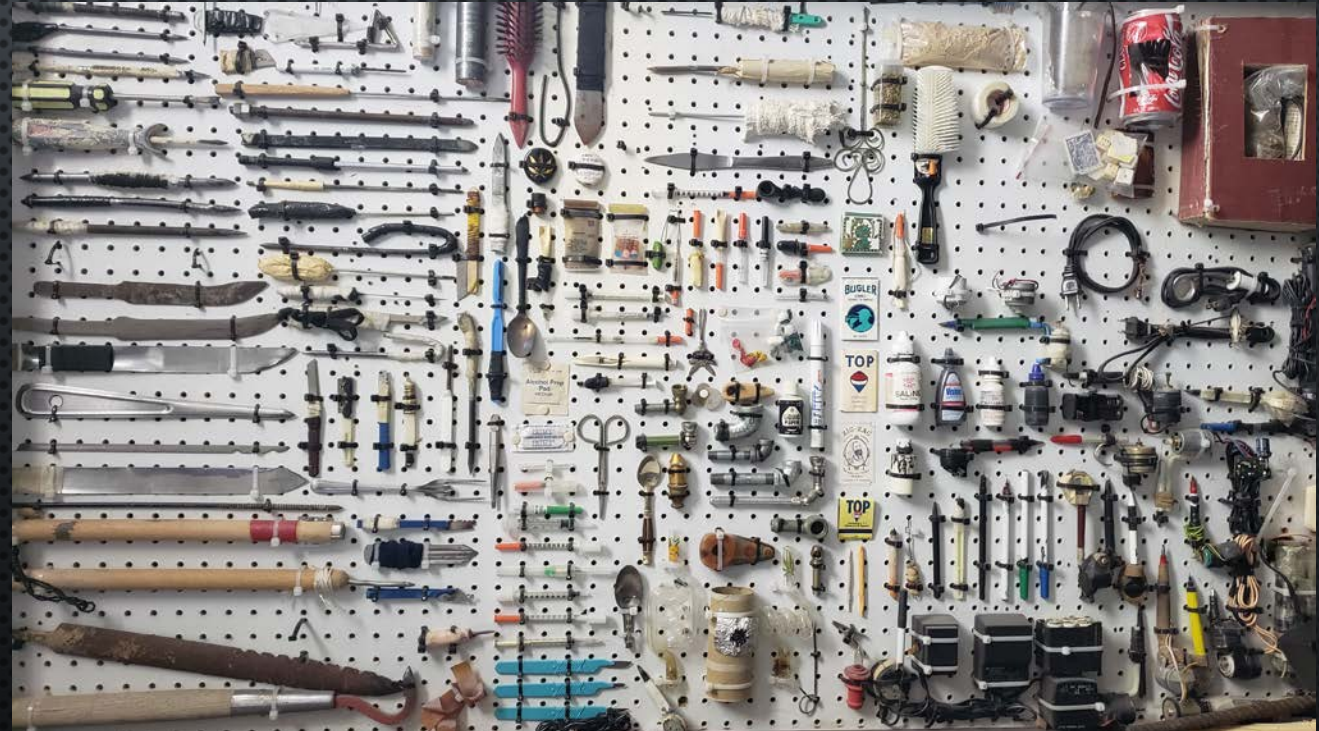
# PRISON GANGS IN NEW MEXICO – CRIMINAL ACTIVITY:

- DRUG TRAFFICKING
- MURDER
- ASSAULT AND BATTERY
- KIDNAPPING
- SEXUAL ASSAULTS/RAPES
- ROBBERY
- EXTORTION
- DELINQUENT ACTS
- DRIVE BY SHOOTINGS
- HOME INVASIONS
- HUMAN SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING





# PRISON GANGS IN NEW MEXICO – PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE:







## SECURITY THREAT INTELLIGENCE UNIT (STIU)



- IN JANUARY 1997, THE NMCD IMPLEMENTED THE SECURITY THREAT INTELLIGENCE UNIT.
- THE STIU IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IDENTIFICATION, MONITORING, AND MANAGEMENT OF PRISON AND STREET GANG MEMBERS INCARCERATED IN NEW MEXICO'S PRISON SYSTEM. EACH FACILITY MAINTAINS A HIGHLY TRAINED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE TEAM OF STIU STAFF.
- STIU K-9 HANDLERS AND THEIR CANINE PARTNERS WORK SEAMLESSLY WITH THE STIU TEAMS WITHIN INSTITUTIONS.
- THE STIU CONDUCTS MULTIPLE VITAL DUTIES:
  - INVESTIGATIONS
  - DRUG INTERDICTION / GANG INTERDICTION
  - SEARCHES/SCANS OF INMATE MAIL
  - SECURITY CAMERA MONITORING
  - INMATE TELEPHONE MONITORING
  - FREQUENT SECURITY ASSESSMENTS OF INMATE HOUSING AREAS
  - PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

**CORRECTIONS  
DEPARTMENT  
STIU  
GANG UNIT**







## SECURITY THREAT INTELLIGENCE UNIT (STIU)



- GANG IDENTIFICATION
  - INTERVIEWS
  - TATTOO REVIEW
  - GANG ACTIVITY HISTORY
  - SYMBOLISM / GRAFFITI







# SECURITY THREAT INTELLIGENCE UNIT (STIU)



- DRUG INTERDICTION
  - INMATE HOUSING AREA SEARCHES
  - FACILITY PERIMETER SEARCHES
  - VISITORS
  - MAIL







## SECURITY THREAT INTELLIGENCE UNIT / K-9 UNIT

- STIU K-9 UNIT

- STIU K-9 INVESTIGATORS ARE A VITAL COMPONENT OF THE STIU AND WORK SIDE BY SIDE WITH OTHER STIU INVESTIGATORS WITHIN THE PRISON SYSTEM.
- STIU K-9 INVESTIGATORS, ALONG WITH THEIR CANINE PARTNERS, RECEIVE CERTIFICATION THROUGH THE NATIONAL NARCOTICS DRUG DOG ASSOCIATION (NNDDA) AND THE NATIONAL POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION (NPCA).
- STIU K-9 UNITS ARE CERTIFIED IN NARCOTICS DETECTION AND CANINE APPREHENSION.

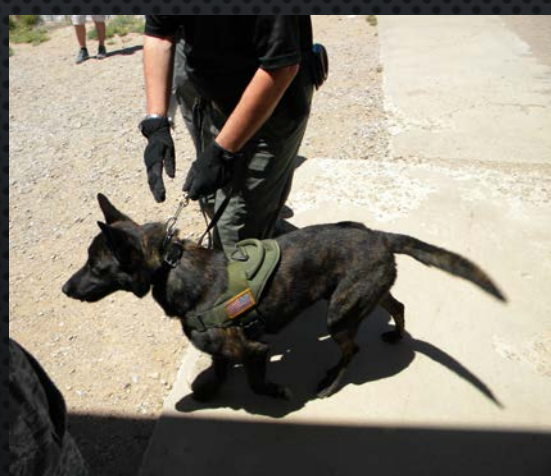
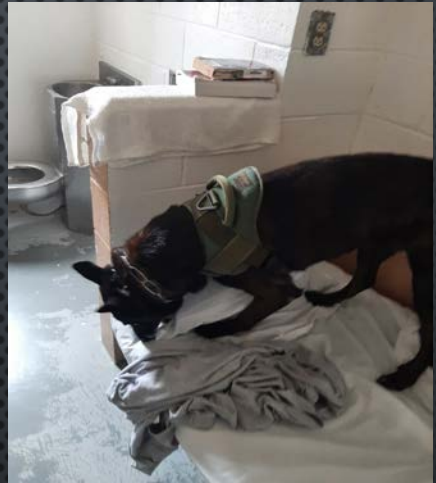






# SECURITY THREAT INTELLIGENCE UNIT / K-9 UNIT

- STIU K-9 UNIT ACTIVITY
  - DRUG INTERDICTION
  - INMATE HOUSING UNIT SEARCHES
  - VISITOR VEHICLE SEARCHES
  - FACILITY PERIMETER SEARCHES
  - ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT







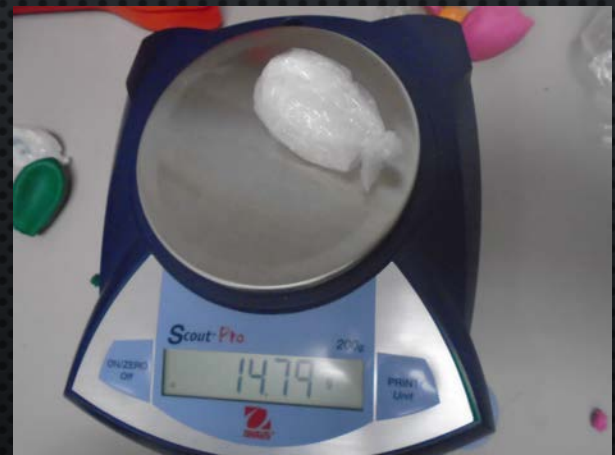
# SECURITY THREAT INTELLIGENCE UNIT



- BODY SCANNERS

- DRUG/CONTRABAND INTERDICTION

- X-RAY IMAGE SHOWS CONTRABAND ITEMS WHICH COULD BE HIDDEN ON PERSON OR WITHIN BODY CAVITIES







# SECURITY THREAT INTELLIGENCE UNIT

## ASSISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

- THE NMCD / STIU HAVE DEVELOPED PARTNERSHIPS WITH MULTIPLE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES INCLUDING:
  - STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
  - NEW MEXICO GANG TASK FORCE (NMGTF)
  - FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS (FBI)
  - DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA)
  - UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE (USMS)
  - FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS (BOP)
  - CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT (CYFD)
  - UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (USDOJ)
  - NEW MEXICO HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS (HIDTA)







# SECURITY THREAT INTELLIGENCE UNIT



## ASSISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES:

- INTELLIGENCE NETWORKING
- REAL TIME AND HISTORICAL INFORMATION
- CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
- GANG INVESTIGATIONS
- NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS



City of Grants Police Department  
Detective Division

## WANTED

BY : Grants Police Department

Name: Chavez, Albert J R

Sex:	Male
Race:	Hispanic
Date of Birth:	04/05/1995
Place of Birth:	New Mexico
Height:	5'04"
Weight:	130 Pounds
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Black
Scars/Tattoos:	*SUN (back right) *DENTURE (teeth) *HUECA (right side) *TATTOO (under left eye)



Subject is wanted for a murder by the Grants Police Department. Subject is to be considered armed and dangerous. Subject may be accompanied by Miranda Fernandez and Jesse Overmeyer. A reward of up to \$1,000.00 is available for information leading to the successful capture and prosecution of this male subject.

If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of the subject contact your local Law Enforcement Agency or Grants Police Detectives at 505-287-4404.

**WANTED**



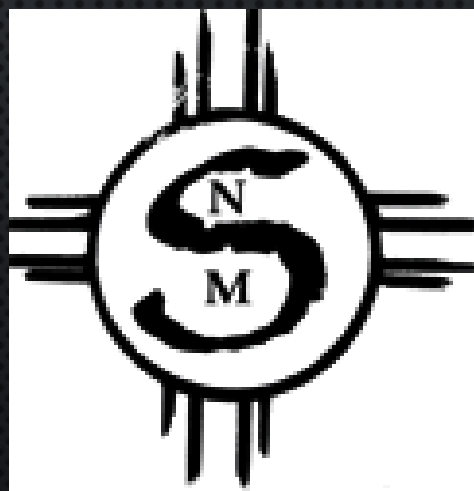


## SECURITY THREAT INTELLIGENCE UNIT



LARGE SCALE INVESTIGATIONS INVOLVING MULTIPLE AGENCIES:

- “OPERATION ATONEMENT” RICO / VICAR INVESTIGATIONS AGAINST SNM PRISON GANG (NMCD, STIU, NMSP, FBI, APD, USMS, AND NM COUNTY AND CITY AGENCIES)
- OVER THE COURSE OF THESE 3-YEAR INVESTIGATIONS, 116 SNM MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. 90 OF THESE MEMBERS WERE CHARGED WITH FEDERAL CRIMES (70% OF THE DEFENDANTS WERE ON THE STREETS WHEN ARRESTED). THE MAJORITY OF THE DEFENDANTS HAVE PLED GUILTY TO THE CHARGES AGAINST THEM.







# QUESTIONS?



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!