

DJJ GANG TERMINOLOGY

This section provides law enforcement personnel with a dictionary of slang terms used by inmates and gangs, these terms are likely to change as gangs become more creative. Please feel free to contribute to this page, by contacting SRG Coordinator Monique Brandenburg.

Term	Meaning
100 PROOF	The real deal; genuine
13	Southern California; letter M; Mexican Mafia
14	Used by Hispanic gangs to indicate Northern California.
187	Penal code for murder in California; to kill someone (usually in graffiti).
360	Knowledge
411	Information
5-0	The police
911	A meeting
6-POINT	Folks identifier
ADIDAS	All Day I Disrespect All Slobs (Bloods)
AGGY	Mad; furious; upset
APARTMENT	Prison
B/K	Blood Killer

BABY LOVE	Money
BANGER	Gang member
BASE HEAD	Person hooked on cocaine.
BEEF	Problems; Trouble
BGD	Black Gangster Disciples
BGDN	Black Gangster Disciple Nation
BGF	Black Guerilla Family
BLAST	Shoot
BLATT BLATT	Blood Land and Territory
BLOOD (what dat red be like?)	Hello (greeting to another Blood member)
BLOODETTE	Female Blood member
BLOOD-IN, BLOOD-OUT	To gain admission to some gangs you must kill someone, and to resign you must die or you will be killed by fellow members.
BLUE	Usually the Crips gang color.
BREAK	Run; get away
BRUH	Brother; Friend; Associate
BUST A CAP	Shoot someone.
BUSTED	Caught in the act Looking homeless; poor
BUSTER	fake gang member; poser

C/K		Crip Killer
CK RIDING		Crip Killing
C QUEEN		Female Crips member.
CHEESE		Cheat
CO-SIGN		Approve
COM ON SON		For Real?!
CRAB		Crips Rule All Bloods.
CRABS		Disrespectful way of addressing Crips.
CRIB		House; home
CRIPPIN'		Full gang mode; Crip gang banging culture
CRIPS		Community Revolution in Progress.
CRIP WALKING (c-walking)		Set of dance moves
CUZ		A form of greeting between two Crips members
CVL		Conservative Vice Lords
DEAD PRESIDENTS		money
DEAD RAG		Crips reference to Bloods
DEUCE DEUCE		.22 caliber gun
DIME		A 10-year sentence; pretty girl
DIME BAG		\$10 worth of drugs (marijuana)
DIS		disrespect

DOGS		Other Blood members
DONUTS		Vice Lord term used to "put down" the Disciples.
DREADLOCKS		Twisted hair; locs
DRESSED DOWN		Wearing gang-related colors.
DROPPING DIMES		Snitch; to tell on someone.
DROPPING THE FLAG		Leaving the gang.
DURAG		Head wrapping, usually to maintain hair waves
DWB		Dirty White Boys
EIGHT BALL		1/8-ounce of cocaine
ENDS		Money
FADED		Drunk; high
FIEND		Crack cocaine user.
FLAMED UP		Individual wearing the color red all over
FLOSS		Show off
FLYING THE COLORS		Representing the gang colors.
FOLKS		Reference to Black Gangster Disciple nation; as one nation and their affiliates. Family member/ Friend
FRESH		Good looking; clean
FRONTIN		Talking about someone; embarrassing them.

G		Gangster term for 18-26 year old members
Gee'd UP		Dress-up; getting fancy
GANG BANG		Fighting with rival gangs.
GANG BANGER		Gang member
GANG BANGING		Gang activity
GANJA		Marijuana
GANK		To steal
GEEK		Someone who is loaded; high.
GEEK MONSTER		
GHOST		Disappear
GOVERNMENT		An individual's whole name
GRAFFITI		Territory marker; gang roll call; if any graffiti is written upside down, it shows disrespect to that gang and was written by an opposing gang.
HARD-LOOK (mean mug)		Staring at; grounds to fight over.
HARDCORE		Extreme; the big time gangster
HAVE HEART		To be fearless
HEAT		Law enforcement officer Unwanted attention
HERB		Marijuana
HIGH ROLLER		Drug dealer; usually shot-callers who control the drug trafficking of a gang and retain the bulk of the drug profits.

HOMEBOY		One of the boys from the neighborhood gang or group; a fellow gang member.
HOMIE		Fellow gang member
HOOCH		An alcoholic drink made by fermenting a sugary syrup or liquid and bread.
HOOPTEE		Car or vehicle
HOT BOX		Stolen car
HOW YOU SOUND		That's stupid; foolish
HUSTLER		One who makes money by any means necessary
HYPED		Excited or doing well
IBG		Insane Bloods gang
ICE		Crystal methamphetamine
ICG		Insane Crips gang
ILLING		Making mental mistakes Bugging; Tripping
INKED		To receive a tattoo
JACKED		Robbery; Robbed at gunpoint
JIM JONES		Marijuana joint laced with cocaine and dipped in PCP.
JIVING		Attempting to fool someone; joking
JOCKER		One who constantly hangs around another
JOINT		A prison; the walls; a marijuana cigarette.
JONING		Talking about someone in a joking manner, usually involves insults

JUICE		Respect
JUMPED IN		Initiation into a gang
JUMPED OUT		The process of leaving a gang which requires the person to fight 2 or more members for 15 to 60 seconds
JUMPING IN (JUMPED)		Process of being initiated into a gang which requires the candidate to fight 2 or more members for 15 to 30 seconds to show he/she is not afraid to defend his honor.
K-SWISS		Kill Slobs When I See Slobs
KC		King Crips
KICKIN IT		Taking it easy; chilling; cooling; hanging out
KICKS		Shoes; sneakers
KILLA		Killer
KITE		A letter or note to another inmate, usually slid under the door (from cell to cell) by means of a thin string
KLUCKA		Dope fiend
KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING?		Understand?
KOOL		It's all right.
L/K		A Latin King identifier.
LA RAZA		The race; Chicanos.
LADY (ole lady)		Girlfriend
LEGIT		For real; proper

LET'S GET THIS MONEY		Let's go kill someone
LET'S RIDE ON SOMEONE		Seek someone out, usually retaliation.
LIQUID JUICE		PCP
LIT UP		Shot at.
LIVING LARGE		Living a high-styled life.
LOC		Crazy; loco (Crips)
LOC		Love only Crips
LOC'ed OUT		Acting crazy
LOCO		Crazy
LOW RIDER		Car with hydrolics
LRZ		La Raza gang
M		Mexican Mafia
MMM		Money, Mackin Murder
MACHINE		Machine gun
MACK		Ability to sweet talk girls.
MACKIN		Getting girls
MAIN MAN		Best friend; back-up
MAN (da		Law enforcement

man)		officer
MAN WITH A GRUDGE		Judge
MARK		Prospective gang member
MARRIED		Membership into the Aryan Brotherhood.
MEAN MUG		Staring at; grounds to fight over.
METH		Methamphetamine
MISSION		Violent act
MOBBING		Gang members in large numbers
MONIKERS		Street name; a way to identify.
MUD DUCK		Ugly girl
MULE		One who smuggles drugs or other contraband into the prison for another inmate.
MY NINE		9 mm. gun
NADA		Nothing
NATION		A large affiliation of a number of distinct gangs.
NICK		\$5 worth of drugs
NICKEL		A 5-year sentence

NORTENO		Northern Hispanic/Chicano
NOT		I don't think so.
NUT UP		Angry; mad at somebody.
ON THE MENU (food)		Someone to be seriously beaten or murdered
ON THE STRENGTH		Based on the facts.
OUTA POCKET		Getting beside yourself; wrong
PACKING		Person has a gun in his possession.
PAY BACK		Vendetta, or retaliation, for a former wrong.
PC		Protective custody
PEACE OUT		Goodbye; see you later.
PEANUT BUTTER		Crips' disrespect for Bloods.
PIECE (toolie)		Gun
PIMPED OUT		A well-dressed person or car
PIRU		Street on which the Bloods originated; Nickname for the Bloods.
PLAY ME FOR A SUCKER		Take advantage of.
PLAYA		One with a lot of women/men.

PLAYER		Individual who earns a lot of respect
PLAYED OUT		Over; no longer used.
POPPED		Arrested
POP A CAP		Shoot a gun
PSYCO		Crazy
PhD		Pumpkin Head Deluxe; swollen face and eyes
PUT EM IN CHECK		Discipline someone; check someone
PUT IN WORK		Do a shooting; performing gang duties
PUT THAT ON YA SET		Affirm that you're telling the truth.
PYRAMID		The three corners of the triangle represent physical, mental, and spiritual knowledge.
QUEEN		Female member of a gang.
RACHET		A mess
RAN UP ON		sneak attack.
REEFER		Marijuana cigarettes or marijuana itself.
RIDE ON/ RIDE ON SOMEBODY		To seek someone out as a target of some violent act
RIP OFF		Steal; take advantage of
ROAD DOG		Close friend

ROCK		Crystallized cocaine; rock cocaine.
ROOSTER		Derogatory name for PIRU
ROSCOES		Police
RU		Piru member
SATIN DISCIPLES		White Disciple members
SET		Gang neighborhood; a member refers to his gang as a set of a larger nation of gangs; (see Nation); sometimes refers to a neighborhood.
SHERM		Marijuana dipped in embalming fluid
SHINE ON		Show off
SHOTCALLER		Person in charge.
SIGNING		Members identify themselves by signing with their hands.
SLANGIN KEYS		Selling dope
SLANGING		Selling cocaine (drugs) on the street.
SLIPPIN		Being careless, not watching your back.
SLOBS		Disrespectful way of addressing a Bloods member.
SMACK		Heroin

SMASH and GRAB		Robbery (usually involves the theft of high item clothing)
SMOKED OUT		High
SNAPS		Money
SNITCH		An informer; fink; rat; stool pigeon.
SNOOVERS		An insult for the Hoover Street Crips.
SNOW BUNNY		White girlfriend
SOLID TEARDROP		The solid teardrop means death of a close family member; some Jamaicans and Cubans also use the teardrop.
SPEED BALL		Combination of heroin and cocaine.
SPLIFF		A joint; one ounce = four spliffs
SPRAYED		Shooting multiple bullets at someone.
SQUARE		Cigarette
STACK		A thousand dollars
STACKING		Display of hand signals, communication between gang members
STASH		Hidden drugs or contraband.
STRAIGHT SHOOTER		Honest; truthfully speaking.
STRAPPED		Armed with a gun.

STUPID FRESH		Really good.
SUR		South; southern California.
SURENO		A southern Hispanic.
TAG		A gangs signature with marker or paint.
TALKING SMACK		Aggressive talking reckless to another
TG		Tiny gangster
THROW DOWN		Fight
TOOL (toolie)		Gun
TRANSFERRED KEYS		Hand over control of a gang to another of a high rank
TRICK BAG		Mislead a person; phoney.
TRICKING		Prostitution
TVL		Traveling Vice Lords
UBN		United Bloods Nation
UTVL		Undertaker Vice Lords
UVL		Unknown Vice Lords
VALIDATE		Initiate
VAPORS		Feelings
VATO		Man/boy; guy; Chicanos refer to each other as Vatos.
VATO LOCO		Gangster; person who's with it; crazy dude.
VATOS		Guys

VICKY LOUS		Disciple put-down for Vice Lords.
VIDA LOCA (mi vida loco)		Crazy life; street life; seen as a tattoo (3 dots)
VIOLATION		To break a gang rule and receive a punishment.
VL		Renegade Vice Lords
VLK		Vice Lord Killers
WACKED		Kill
WEED		Marijuana
WHAT IT B LIKE		Blood member greeting
WHAT IT C LIKE		Crip member greeting
WHAT'S UP MY G		Hello
WHERE YOU FROM		Are you a member of a gang?
WHITE GIRL		Cocaine
WORD		That's right; that's true.
YAYO		Cocaine
YO		Hello; hey.
YOU PLAYED YOURSELF		You did yourself wrong.