

Gangs in Andosciaville

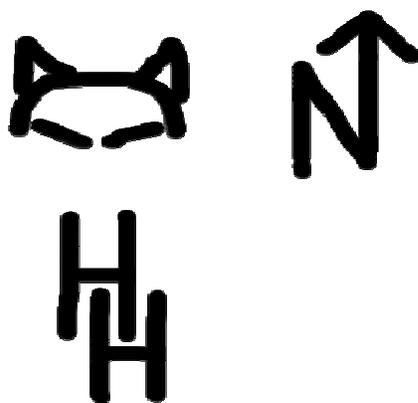
Andosciaville does not have a history of gang violence, but over the last few years gang activity, along with drug activity, has increased. The most notable gangs are the Diablos and the Northsiders.

The Diablos are located mostly in the barrio region of Andosciaville and represent a mostly Hispanic/Chicano membership, though white drug offenders have been caught with the Diablo tattoo shown below. Diablo colors include mostly white and black plaid flannel shirts kept unbuttoned unless involved in Diablo “business.” Diablo business includes petty crimes and drug dealing, perhaps prostitution. Which button or combination of buttons that are secure are a signal for the kind of business being done. These symbols have not yet been interpreted.

The Northsiders are a predominantly African American gang located in the Projects area and Central Road. So far no white offenders have been recorded with the Northside tattoo. The Northsiders are an older and better established gang dealing in drugs, auto thefts and petty crimes. Protection rackets have been reported in the business district off of Central and Glades. Northsiders wear white T-shirts and black hooded sweatshirts. Placement of the hood may determine the disposition of the gang members.

There appears to be a nascent group that could be called a gang calling themselves Hitler’s Heroes or HH. HH seems to be dedicated to hate crimes, petty crimes, assault and vandalism based on racist doctrine. They especially target immigrant members in the Barrio and tent city area of Andosciaville. This is a predominantly white gang suspected to be centered around the Highland Avenue area, representing a working class and lower working class demographic. No offenders of this gang have been arrested as yet, but their sign has been seen spray-painted in parks located in and around the downtown area, Projects and Barrio sections.

Gang tattoos are often home made, or “prison” tats, using ink, graphite and sewing needles. The Diablos use a version of the devil horns. Northsiders use an N with an arrow pointing up. An arrow pointing down may reveal that the Northsiders are moving into Diablo territory, or virgin territory, in other words they are moving south. Hitler’s Heroes designate with the double H symbol often used in conjunction with a swastika.



The Andosciaville police notes that more suspects and offenders are being arrested having some kind of gang related symbolism or paraphernalia. They also note an increase in markings throughout the city that could be gang turf elements. No official research has been done in this area.