

WATSONVILLE SUREÑO TAGGING & GRAFFITI

The following local photographs
represent Watsonville Sureño criminal
street gangs:

Poor Side Watsonville (PSW, PSL) and
Mexican Side Locos (MSL, MSW)

WHY GANG GRAFFITI IS DANGEROUS



The purpose of gang graffiti is to glorify the gang.

Gang graffiti is meant to create a sense of intimidation and may increase the sense of fear within a neighborhood.

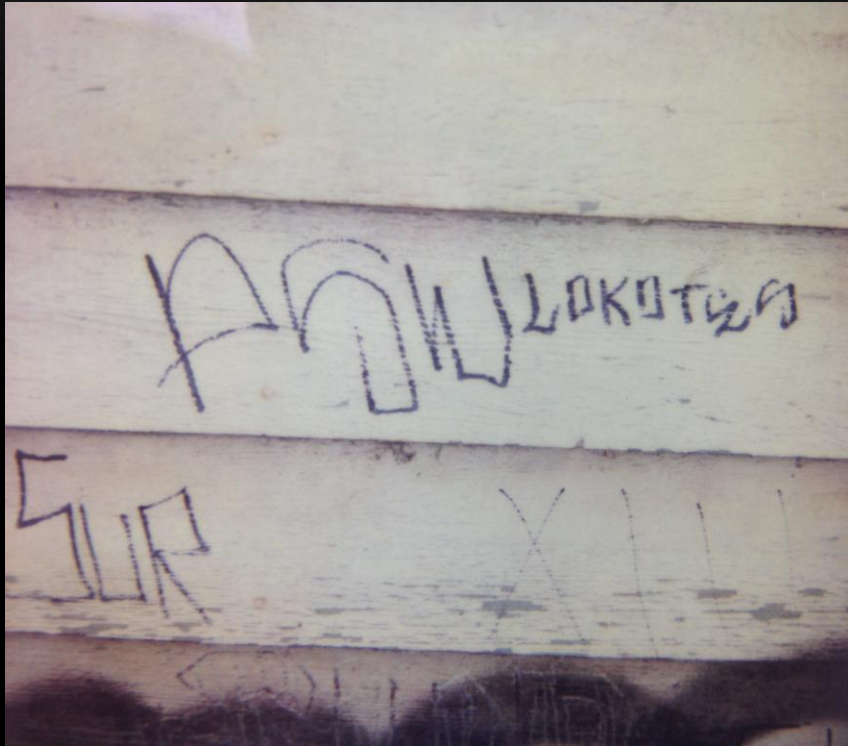
Gang members use graffiti to mark their territory or turf, declare their allegiance to the gang and to challenge rivals.

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Depicted in these photographs are graffiti by the Watsonville Sureño Criminal street gang known as “MSL” - Mexican Side Locos

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Depicted in the photograph is graffiti by the Watsonville Sureño Criminal street gang known as "PSL" - Poor Side Locos.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU SEE THIS KIND OF GRAFFITI IN YOUR CHILD/STUDENT'S BELONGINGS?

- Talk to your child/student. Ask open-ended questions, listen with an open-mind. Encourage an honest discussion.
- Ask questions to understand their level of involvement.
- Understand who is influencing them (friend, neighbor, relative) and set limits accordingly.
- Discuss the consequences and dangers of being in a gang.
- Set clear expectations.
- Parents: talk to a teacher, school counselor or administrator at your child's school and ask them if they have noticed any changes. Make sure they are aware of your concerns. Teachers: talk to the school counselor, administrator and to the student's parents.
- Get your child/student involved in extra-curricular activities like sports, clubs, music, volunteer work, etc. Make sure to have positive, fun family time.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU SEE THIS KIND OF GRAFFITI IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Within the city of Watsonville:

Call the Graffiti Hotline at 831-768-3133

Within the City of Santa Cruz:

Call the Graffiti Hotline at 831- 420-5303

Call 911

If you see someone “tagging” or suspect vandalism is going to take place, do not hesitate to call 911.

Adopt-A-Spot

Do you keep seeing the same pole on your street getting tagged? Get a free graffiti removal kit as a volunteer for your home or work place. You can make a direct difference in your community with the convenience of a no-hassle volunteer program. Call the hotline at 831-420-5303 for more details about getting the free graffiti removal kit.



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