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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed are the responses for the record of Michael Battle, Director of the Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys, to written questions received following the September 13, 2006, hearing held by the Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs entitled, "Challenges Facing Today's Federal Prosecutors."

Sincerely,

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Question Submitted by Senator Edward M. Kennedy
Senate Judiciary Committee
Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs
Hearing on
"Challenges Facing Today's Federal Prosecutors"
Wednesday, September 13, 2006

Michael Battle, Director, Executive Office for United States Attorneys

(1) In your opening statement, you said that funding and staffing shortfalls have resulted in excluding many cases eligible for prosecution for serious crimes, including gang-related crimes. As you know, gangs are a serious problem in many communities throughout the nation and are responsible for diverting many vulnerable at-risk youth into engaging in criminal activity.

Question: Please provide me with the number of gang prosecutions under RICO by the 94 U.S. Attorneys' Offices you oversee, with a description of each case and its result, and age of the defendants.

Answer: Please see the attached chart.

RICO CASES 2003-2006

Dist.	Case Name	Year Indicted	Gang/ Organization	# Def	Case Comments/Allegations	Age Range
AZ	U.S. v. Cisneros, Luis, et al.	2003	Cisneros Organization	12	The Cisneros Organization had been in existence since at least 1993 and was headquartered in Mesa and Chandler, Arizona. It had two principal rackets: the theft and VIN-switching of motor vehicles; and the manufacture and distribution of significant quantities of methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, and marijuana. The organization protected its rackets chiefly through witness intimidation including the murders of nine potential witnesses. All defendants in this case pleaded guilty and received the following sentences: three consecutive sentences of life without parole (3); 18 years (2); 9 years (1); 5 years (1); 3 years (2); 2 years (1); 1 year + deportation (1). The 12th defendant remained a fugitive in Mexico until spring 2006, when he was killed in Juarez, Mexico.	27-47
AZ	U.S. v. Johnston, Robert Jr., et al.	2003 2005	Arizona Hells Angels Motorcycle Club	16	The organization prosecuted was the Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club of Arizona. The criminal activity alleged included drug and weapon sales, and violent behavior to include a casino shootout and the murder of a non-gang member. The case has been disposed of with nine defendants pleading guilty, two fugitives, two defendants dismissed in the District of Arizona, but prosecuted in other jurisdictions, and three defendants whose charges were dismissed entirely	20-60
CA-C	U.S. v. Ziska, Shayne Allyn	2004	The Nazi Low Riders	1	The Nazi Low Riders is a prison gang associated with the Aryan Brotherhood. Charges include narcotics distribution and assault in prison. Trial is pending for the summer of 2007.	
CA-C	U.S. v. Ojeda, Peter, et al.	2005	Ojeda Organization	16	The Ojeda Organization is an Orange County based street gang centered in Santa Ana. This case involved defendants both on the street and in prison who organized and directed the gang. Charges included narcotics distribution and acts of violence. All defendants have pleaded guilty.	
CA-C	U.S. v. Yepiz, Rafael, et al.	2005	Vineland Boys Street Gang	38	The Vineland Boys Street Gang was centered in the San Fernando Valley. Allegations included narcotics distribution as well as murder and conspiracy to murder Also alleged is that the Vineland Boys paid profits to the Mexican Mafia. The first of three trials set for this organization just concluded in October 2006; all defendants were convicted on all counts.	
CA-C	U.S. V. Castro, et al.	2006	Reuben Castro Organization, 18th Street Gang, Mexican Mafia	18	This case involved the leadership of two cliques of the 18th Street Gang in Los Angeles, as well as Reuben Castro of the Mexican Mafia who directs these two cliques. Defendants were charged with narcotics dealing, narcotics distribution, and money laundering. Trial is set for June 2007.	20-60

Dist.	Case Name	Year Indicted	Gang/ Organization	# Def	Case Comments/Allegations	Age Range
CA-C	U.S. V Wu, et al.	2005	"Smoking Dragon" Investigation	31	The matter arose out of large scale illegal contraband smuggling from China to the U.S., including counterfeit cigarette, pharmaceuticals, and high-grade U.S. currency (the so-called Supernote). The defendants were all of Asian or Asian American descent, which facilitated their interaction with Hong Kong and mainland China. Of the 6 RICO defendants, several have pled guilty and other cases are still pending.	35+
CA-C	U.S. v. Pellicano, Anthony, et al.			3	Defendants were charged with RICO conspiracy as well as illegal wiretapping and identity theft, among other crimes, arising out of the activities of a Los Angeles private investigator and his associates in the LAPD and local Telephone Company. The 3 defendants charged with RICO are part of a larger case and the entire matter is pending trial.	35+
CA-E	U.S. v. Jaja, Shango, et al.	2003	Pitch Dark Family	8	Pitch Dark Family was a criminal enterprise whose members and associates engaged in acts of violence, and in drug trafficking. Between 1994 and 2000, the defendants committed four murders, one attempted murder, and trafficked in rock cocaine. One defendant is still pending trial (2/27/07); two others went to trial, were convicted, and received life sentences. The other six defendants pled guilty to RICO violations, and received sentences of varying lengths.	18-25 (when they committed offenses) 26-35 (now)
CA-N	U.S. v. Garcia, Rico	2003	Nuestra Familia	1	Prison gang case. Murder and conspiracy to murder.	
CA-N	U S v Truong, Mitchell, et al.	2003		10	Street taxes; illegal gambling in San Francisco Chinatown	
CA-N	U S v Duong, Ahn The, et al.	2003		13	Asian gang responsible for a series of armed robberies and murders.	30-35+
CA-N	U.S. v. Hill, Raymon, et al.	2005	Page Street Gang	7	Neighborhood-based criminal street gang involved in drug dealing, murders, shootings and obstructions of justice Charges include murder of a federal witness.	22-31
CA-N	U S. v. Diaz, Edgar, et al.	2005	Down Below Gang	12	Neighborhood-based criminal street gang involved in drug dealing, murders, shootings and obstructions of justice Charges include murder of a 7-week old baby.	20-30
CA-S	U.S. v. Castiglione, Guy, et al.	2003	Hell's Angels	12	Motorcycle Gang: extortion, robberies of drug dealers, trafficked in marijuana and methamphetamine	
CA-S	U.S. v Wright, Christopher, et al.	2006	The Mexican Mafia (La Eme)	22	The defendants are members and associates of the violent prison/street gang called the Mexican Mafia, aka "La Eme." The Mexican Mafia exercises control over the illegal activities of all Southern California Hispanic street gangs, as well as the criminal activities occurring within the California State prison system The indictment charges the defendants with the commission of numerous predicate racketeering acts, including: murder, attempted murder, extortion, drug trafficking and money laundering.	25-60

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CO	U.S. v. Thompson, Lee Arthur, et al.	2005		15	The defendants were members of the Thompson drug ring that manufactured and distributed crack out of the Alpine Rose Motel. They were indicted on a 33-count indictment, including murder. This case also involved violent crime and witness and evidence tampering. 29 others were arrested on related, but not RICO, drug charges.	
DC	U.S. v. Eiland, Gerald, et al.	2005	Gerald Eiland Organization	10	This organization is alleged to have arranged for large shipments of PCP, crack cocaine, powder cocaine and heroin from Maryland, Virginia, Arizona, California, Georgia, Missouri, and Connecticut for later distribution to the District of Columbia and surrounding areas. While the conspiracy was national in scope, the local component of the conspiracy was centered in the Southeast quadrant of Washington, D.C. and Alexandria, Virginia. On August 26, 2005, 9 members of this crew were indicted on racketeering, narcotics, firearms and related charges. Of the 9 defendants who were indicted on August 26, 2005, one was convicted after trial; one was acquitted after trial, three entered guilty pleas; and five are currently on trial.	26-35 (5), 35+ (4)
DC	U.S. v. Franklin, Jonathan, et al.	2005	M Street Crew	21	The FBI/MPD Safe Streets Task Force conducted a long-term investigation into drug trafficking and violence in the area of 18th and M Streets, Northeast. The investigation resulted in a superseding indictment, filed on October 19, 2005, that charged 19 defendants on racketeering, narcotics, firearms, and murder charges. The prosecution targeted a crew of street sellers in the 18th and M area, who not only sold large quantities of PCP, ecstasy, and other drugs, but also committed numerous murders and other acts of violence. This crew commonly referred to themselves as the "M Street Crew." Of the 19 defendants who were indicted on October 19, 2005, five were convicted after trial; seven entered guilty pleas; and seven are pending trial.	18-25 (3) 26-35 (15) 35+ (1)
DC	U.S. v. Ball, Antwuan, et al.		Congress Park Crew		This case is a result of a long-term Safe Streets Task Force investigation. Since the early 1990s, the Congress Park public housing complex ("Congress Park" or "the Park") in Southeast Washington, D.C., has been a haven for drug trafficking and drug-related violence. A distinct group of street-level drug dealers, the Congress Park Crew ("the Crew"), is alleged to be responsible for much of the violence in and around the Park, as well as extensive drug trafficking. On November 29, 2005 an indictment was returned that charged 15 defendants on racketeering, narcotics, firearms and murder charges. Of the 15 defendants who were indicted on November 29, 2005, one was convicted after trial; seven entered guilty pleas; and seven are pending trial.	18-25 (1); 26-35 (10), 35+ (4).

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DC	U.S. v. Morrow, Miquel, et al.		AK47 Robbery Gang		The RICO activities of this gang included armed bank robberies in D.C. and Maryland, using AK-47 machine guns, attempted murder of a responding police officer at a Maryland bank; two assaults with intent to kill an individual who the RICO members believed had stolen weapons from the organization; and armed carjackings. A total of seven members of this crew were charged with RICO. Six were charged by indictment on November 9, 2004, and were convicted after trial.	18-25 (2); 26-35 (4)
FL-S	U.S. v. Battle, Sr., Jose Miguel, et al.	2004	The Corporation		This RICO case charged 25 defendants who were members of one of the largest organized crime syndicates called "The Corporation," who conducted extensive illegal gambling operations in New York and New Jersey from 1964 to 2004. "The Corporation" conducted its operations through the use of violence and intimidation, including the commission of multiple murders. "The Corporation" also utilized complex, international money laundering schemes to launder its illegal proceeds. Three of the defendants proceeded to trial and the jury returned verdicts of guilty. These three defendants are awaiting sentencing. The majority of the other defendants have plead guilty and have been sentenced. In addition to the guilty verdicts, the jury also returned a forfeiture verdict of $1.4 billion. The United States has already seized in excess of $20 million in currency and other assets.	35+
GA-N	U.S. v. Ladson, Billy, et al.	2003	Diablos	15	Diablos were a street gang/drug gang that operated in metro Atlanta. All 15 defendants were convicted, including a former police officer who under color of authority lured a victim to the Diablos for a beating. Sentences ranged from 26 months up to 292 months.	26-35
GA-N	U.S. v. Arreola, Christian, et al.	2003	Brown Side Locos	12	Brownside Locos (BSL) is a street gang that operated primarily in the suburban areas north and east of metro Atlanta. Indicted members of the gang were convicted of 5 separate gang related murders in the time frame 1998 through late 2002. Of the 12 defendants arrested in this case, all have been convicted, with sentences ranging from 3 years until 40 years.	18-25 (10); 26-35 (2)
GA-N	U.S. v. Prudente, Amando, et al.	2005	Surenos-13	21	Surenos-13, or SUR-13, is a street gang that operated primarily in the suburban areas east and west of metro Atlanta. The gang was involved in trafficking of modest levels of controlled substances, primarily methamphetamine. Besides drug dealing, indicted members of the gang area alleged to have committed three separate murders of suspected rival gang members and several attempted murders. To date, two defendants have pleaded guilty to RICO charges, but are awaiting sentencing.	Juveniles; 10-25

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GA-N	U.S. v. Villenas-Reyes, et al.			30	Leaders of the enterprise are Mexican nationals, most of whom had been deported after being adjudicated under California gang statutes. Soldiers of the enterprise are United States citizens, usually Anglos. The enterprise is responsible for over half the murders occurring in a two county area from 2003 through 2005. The enterprise also distributed vast quantities of meth into the rural Georgia area. Case is still pending.	18-35+
GA-N	U.S. v. Ramirez, et al.		Killing Every Spot (KES)	5	KES is a "home grown" street gang offshoot of the national street gang 18th Street. Indicted members of the gang were responsible for acts involving murder and aggravated assaults, including several drive by shootings and an attempted murder. All defendants were convicted of RICO violations, with sentencing raging from 2 years, 9 months, to over 11 years in length.	18-25 (4); 26-35 (1)
IL-C	U.S. v. Chancey, Melvin, et al.	2004	Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club-Illinois	4	This OCDETF case involved the prosecution of the presidents of the three Illinois chapters of the Hells Angels motorcycle gang on RICO and drug charges. Many of the RICO predicate acts revolve around the "war" between the Hells Angels and the Outlaw motorcycle gang for the Midwest territory.	35+
IL-N	U.S. v. Carman, Richard, et al.	2003	Carman Brothers	10	The ten defendants in this RICO conspiracy case were involved with narcotics, Hobbs Act robbery, state kidnapping, and murder offenses. The crux of the conspiracy involved kidnapping and torturing victim drug dealers to force them to provide the kidnappers with money, drugs, or information regarding the victims' drug sources. All defendants have been convicted and sentenced.	
IL-N	U.S. v. Delatorre, Fernando, et al.	2005	Insane Deuces	16	The defendants were charged with various crimes including RICO conspiracy, VICAR charges, firearms offenses, and narcotics offenses. The Insane Deuces are a violent, Chicago-area street gang, and the charges involving these 16 defendants involved numerous criminal activities, including murder, attempted murder, and conspiracy to commit murder, occurring in and around Aurora, Illinois, a far western suburb of Chicago. All 16 defendants were charged with RICO conspiracy, and a subset of these individuals was charged with numerous VICAR counts, including murders. The RICO conspiracy and VICAR charges involve numerous acts of violence carried out by Insane Deuce gang members against other individuals, primarily members of the Latin Kings, a rival street gang. These acts of violence included at least 4 murders, 12 attempted murders, and 2 conspiracies to commit murder.	20-41

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IL-N	U.S. v Thompson, Marvel, et al.		Black Disciples	46	The defendants, who were members of a violent Chicago street gang known as the Black Disciples, were charged with various narcotics, money laundering, firearms violations, and VICAR charges. Four of the defendants were charged in four separate VICAR counts, which involved two separate incidents in 2001: the shooting of a Chicago Police Department officer in the line of duty, and the shooting of a gang member (and that gang member's six-year old son) because the gang member was not following the gang's rules. Of the 46 defendants, 43 have been convicted (42 by guilty plea and one by trial), 1 was recently arrested on a fugitive warrant, and the remaining 2 defendants are fugitives. The 4 defendants charged in the VICAR counts have all been convicted (the BD member who shot the police officer was convicted at trial and the others pled guilty).	They are now 34 to 43 years old
LA-E	U.S. v. Washington, Derrick, et al.			11	The 11 defendants were indicted for a long-running narcotics conspiracy as well as several murders either in furtherance of the narcotics conspiracy or as part of violent crime in aid of racketeering activities. They trafficked cocaine hydrochloride, heroin, and cocaine base ("crack") in and around a New Orleans Housing Development from 1994 to 2003. As part of the narcotics trafficking, these individuals utilized violence and the threat of violence in order to establish and maintain their stranglehold on street-level narcotics sales. In all, these defendants murdered five individuals as part of this conspiracy and enterprise engaged in racketeering activity. Since their arrest following indictment, the violent crime level in the housing development decreased by approximately 75%.	26-35
MA	U.S. v. Montiero, Amando, et al.	2004	Stonehurst Street Crew	13	Involved group of Cape Verdean youth involved in two-year war with rival gang. Five defendants acquitted after trial, four defendants convicted after trail, and four defendants pled guilty.	
MD	U.S. v. Howard, Rice, et al.	2004		6	Defendants were charged with racketeering and racketeering conspiracy. The racketeering acts included narcotics conspiracy, cocaine and heroin distribution, and acts of violence. Three defendants were named in the racketeering acts and charged in the counts relating to these acts of violence. The remaining defendants were charged with participating in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine and/or a conspiracy to distribute heroin.	
MD	U.S. v. Cruz, Israel Ramos, et al.	2005	MS-13	22	Two defendants were convicted at trial and four others have pleaded guilty. Defendants are charged under RICO with a variety of violent acts, including assault and firearms offenses.	

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MO-E	U.S. v. Rehmert, Henry George, et al.	2006	Rohrer Group	4	This was a conspiracy of con men in central/Ozarks Missouri who would con their victims and then kill them. Alleged activities included arson, kidnapping, extortion, robbery, wire and mail fraud, felony murder, intentional murder, and money laundering of robbery proceeds.	30-50
NJ	U.S. v. Butler, Tehwan, et al.	2004	Double II Set (Bloods Street Gang)	43	The Double II's controlled a large section of the heroin trade in East Orange, New Jersey and were responsible for at least six murders (including the vicious cold blooded killing of a father, in front of his son, who had the tried to stop gang members from recruiting his son). This case also involved the first time that an out of state gun dealer was charged for providing scores of firearms through straw purchasers to gang members in another state (i.e., New Jersey). 41 defendants pled guilty to RICO, VICAR gun and/or narcotics distribution offenses, one was convicted of a VICAR after trial and one died prior to trial.	1 Juvenile; 18-25 (65%) 26-35 (35%)
NJ	U.S. v. Warner, Rondel, et al.	2004	Lex Mob	28	Lex Mob was a particularly efficient racketeering enterprise that involved retaliatory murder, conspiracy to murder rivals and drug distribution and which terrorized the streets of Jersey City, New Jersey for years through ruthless violence.	18-25 (60%) 26-35 (40%)
NJ	U.S. v. Thompson, Tommy Terrell, et al.	2004	Sex Money Murder Set of the Bloods Street Gang	15	This case involved the prosecution of 15 members and associates of the Sex Money Murder set of the Bloods Street Gang who operated in Jersey City, New Jersey. The gang distributed heroin and cocaine and maintained dominance over their territory through acts of violence, including attempted murder, aggravated assaults, shootings and witness intimidation. All defendants pled guilty to VICAR gun and/or narcotics distribution charges.	18-25 (70%) 26-35 (30%)
NJ	U.S. v. McCollum, Taison, et al.		Taison McCollum		McCollom pled guilty to RICO charges arising out of his leadership opposition in a violent drug dealing organization in Elizabeth, New Jersey.	
NV	U.S. v. Parker, DeMarco	2003	Rolling 60s Crips	1	RICO murder, drug ring. Pled guilty, sentenced to life imprisonment.	
NV	U.S. v. Gibson, Arlenders, et al.	2003	Rolling 60s Crips	22	This involved a racketeering indictment charging homicides, violent crime, armed robbery, drug trafficking, and maintaining drug houses in Las Vegas and Northern Las Vegas. There were six RICO murders in all. All defendants pled guilty; only one still awaits sentencing. An additional 17 defendants have pled guilty or been convicted on non-RICO charges as part of the overall strategy to deconstruct the Rolling 60s Crips.	
NV	U.S. v. Toliver, Jonathon, et al.			3	VICAR murder. Ambush shooting over drug turf; one dead; many victims; death penalty finally declined. 9th Circuit has agreed to expedite appeal.	2 Juveniles (pending transfer to adult)

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NV	U.S. v. Banks, Leland	2004		1	VICAR. Convicted and sentenced to 37.5 years for sniper shooting after insult to gang; appeal pending.	
NY-E	U.S. v. Soto, Roderick, et al.	2003	Woodbine Crew	3	The Woodbine Crew was a violent gang based in the Bushwick neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York, that engaged in murder, heroin trafficking, violent robbery of rival narcotics traffickers, witness tampering and obstruction of justice. Members of the Woodbine Crew were charged in two separate indictments with RICO, RICO conspiracy and murder in aid of racketeering violations. After two trials in 2001 and 2004, the government convicted ten members of the Woodbine Crew, who were sentenced to lengthy terms of imprisonment, ranging from twenty-six years' imprisonment to life.	30-48
NY-E	U.S. v. Bari, Zinovy, et al.	2003	Brighton Beach Crew	3	Loan sharking, gambling and narcotics trafficking	
NY-E	U.S. v. Wilson, Ronell, et al.	2004	Stapleton Crew	6	This Office used the federal racketeering statutes to dismantle the Stapleton Crew, a violent narcotics trafficking gang that operated in the Stapleton section of Staten Island from late 1999 until March 2003. The crew maintained an arsenal of illegal firearms, available to all members, which were used to protect its narcotics operation and to intimidate and eliminate its enemies through repeated acts of violence. In March 2003, one of the Crew's members murdered two undercover New York City Police Department detectives who were attempting to purchase firearms from the Crew. The government charged six members of the enterprise, five of them with RICO, RICO conspiracy, murder in aid of racketeering, narcotics trafficking, robbery and other charges. Five defendants pled guilty, four of whom have been sentenced to terms of incarceration of ten, twelve, twenty-five and twenty-seven years, respectively. The final defendant, who faces the death penalty for the murder of the two detectives, is currently on trial.	23-27
NY-E	U.S. v. Martin, Jerome, et al	2005	Martin Family Crew	11	Eleven members of a violent narcotics trafficking gang, the "Martin Family Crew," that operated in Brooklyn and several other cities along the Eastern seaboard were charged in 2005 with racketeering-related charges, including RICO, RICO conspiracy and murder in aid of racketeering (nine other members of the gang were charged with non-racketeering charges). All defendants have pled guilty and are awaiting sentencing and most face potential life sentences.	20-30

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NY-E	U.S. v. Stone, Dwayne, et al.	2005	Folk Nation	7	Seven members and associates of the Folk Nation gang were charged in 2005 in a twenty-eight-count indictment with RICO and RICO conspiracy, which included six murders, five attempted murders, murder conspiracy, assault and related firearms counts. The charges relate to a number of gang-related murders and other acts of violence, including a drive-by shooting that resulted in the death of an innocent bystander and the attempted murder of several New York City Police Department officers.	23-30
NY-E	U.S. v. Hardy, Damion, et al.	2005	Cash Money Brothers	9	Seven members of a violent narcotics gang known as the "Cash Money Brothers" were charged in 2005 with RICO, RICO conspiracy, murder in aid of racketeering, kidnapping and robbery. Two defendants were convicted in October 2006 after trial of these charges The other five defendants are facing racketeering and murder in aid of racketeering charges and tentatively are scheduled to be tried in March 2007. Two other defendants have pled guilty to racketeering charges.	26-35, one is 35+
NY-E	U.S. v. Hunter, Tyrone, et al.	2005	"The Enterprise"	5	Five members of a violent narcotics trafficking organization, charged in the indictments as the "Enterprise," were charged with RICO, RICO conspiracy, murder in aid of racketeering, narcotics trafficking and money laundering. The gang operated primarily in the East New York section of Brooklyn from approximately 1985 until 2003. Enterprise members and associates committed acts of violence and murder to protect their narcotics operation and the reputation of the Enterprise and routinely committed shootings and assaults for the purpose of collecting drug debts. The Enterprise members also made money by murdering and robbing other criminals of their drugs and cash. Three defendants have pled guilty pursuant to cooperation agreements. Two defendants await trial in January 2007 on charges including RICO, RICO conspiracy, murder, obstruction of justice, robbery, and money laundering.	32-40
NY-E	U.S. v. McGriff, Kenneth, et al.		Supreme Team	3	Three defendants were charged with racketeering crimes related to rebuilding a violent narcotics organization started years earlier by one of the defendants. Two defendants are charged with RICO and murder in aid of racketeering. One defendant is charged with the murder of two rival drug dealers and the attempted murder of his pregnant girlfriend.	35+

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NY-E	U.S. v. Magana, et al.		MS-13, Long Island Chapter	30+	La Mara Salvatrucha ("MS-13") is a violent gang, composed primarily of immigrants from Central America with chapters throughout the United States, including Long Island and Queens, New York The gang engages in murder, robbery, narcotics trafficking, gang assault, firearms trafficking, interstate transportation of stolen vehicles, sexual assault, witness tampering and obstruction of justice, among other crimes. In a series of prosecutions charging violent crimes in aid of racketeering from 2003 through 2005, more than thirty members of MS-13 have been prosecuted for a series of violent crimes, including murders and assaults, as well as firearms offenses. To date, more than twenty MS-13 members have pled guilty to violent racketeering charges while three others were convicted on murder and assault counts in two trials. A third MS-13 VICAR racketeering murder case is currently on trial. The victims of the charged murders and assaults included innocent bystanders, rival gang members and MS-13 members who were assisting law enforcement authorities. Some of the victims were as young as 15 years old.	3 Juveniles (16-17, transferred to adult); 18-27
NY-E	U.S. v. Magana, et al.		MS-13, Queens Chapter	6	La Mara Salvatrucha ("MS-13") is a violent gang, composed primarily of immigrants from Central America with chapters throughout the United States, including Long Island and Queens, New York. The gang engages in murder, robbery, narcotics trafficking, gang assault, firearms trafficking, interstate transportation of stolen vehicles, sexual assault, witness tampering and obstruction of justice, among other crimes. In 2006, six members of MS-13 chapters located in Queens, New York have been charged in four indictments with violating RICO and VICAR to include charges of murder, attempted murder, assault and robbery. The defendants are awaiting trial and face sentences ranging from ten years' to life imprisonment.	21-30
NY-E	U.S. v. Dixon, Emile, et al.		Patio Crew	6	The "Patio Crew" is an extraordinarily violent Jamaican narcotics gang that dominated the drug business in the Flatbush area of Brooklyn between 1989 and 2001. Six defendants were convicted of a combination of narcotics, RICO RICO conspiracy, firearms and murder charges. Two defendants were convicted in separate trials in 2003 and 2004, who were each sentenced to life imprisonment A third received a sentence of thirty years' imprisonment.	28-40

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NY-E	U.S. v. Tyler, Darryl, et al.		D-Nice Enterprise	8	This Office charged eight members and associates of the "D-Nice Enterprise," a violent narcotics gang that sold massive quantities of crack cocaine and cocaine in Brooklyn, New York and Baltimore, Maryland from the early 1980s until 2000. The defendants were charged with RICO, RICO conspiracy, murder, murder conspiracy and narcotics trafficking. None of the charged defendants were juveniles, but the enterprise frequently employed juveniles to work as low-level drug sellers. Five defendants were convicted in two separate trials in 2002 and 2004; one was sentence to life imprisonment; three defendants were sentenced to thirty years' imprisonment, and one defendant was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. The other defendants pled guilty.	30-40
NY-E	U.S. v. Mathews, Curt, et al.		M&P Crew	6	Three defendants were charged in 2004 with RICO, RICO conspiracy, murder in aid of racketeering, attempted murder in aid of racketeering, bank robbery conspiracy, kidnapping, and several other charges. Three other defendants pled guilty to other charges related to the crew's crimes. The charges stem from the defendants' participation in a violent Brooklyn based crew that sold narcotics, robbed banks and other businesses and kidnapped rival drug dealers from 1998 through 2002. All defendants have pled guilty and await sentencing.	21-38
NY-E	U.S. v. Farmer, Laval, et al.		Bloods' "Velt Gangsta Lanes"	5	In 2004, five members of the Bloods' "Velt Gangsta Lanes" ("VGL") set, located in Roosevelt, New York, were charged with various violent crimes in aid of racketeering pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1959 (VICAR), involving murder and a firebombing. The five VGL members were among over fifty Bloods members on Long Island who have been prosecuted by this Office. One of the leaders of the VGL set was convicted after trial in 2006 on VICAR murder charges for the killing of a 14-year-old who was mistakenly believed to be a member of the Crips, and the shooting of a fellow Bloods member. This case effectively dismantled the VGL set on Long Island.	

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NY-E			The Crime Family	12	Twelve members of a violent narcotics trafficking gang known as "The Crime Family" were charged in 2001 with RICO, RICO conspiracy, narcotics trafficking and murder in aid of racketeering. Another twenty defendants were prosecuted by the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office as part of a coordinated state-federal investigation. The Crime Family ran a retail crack cocaine distribution operation from a public housing development in the East New York section of Brooklyn between 1997 and 2001 and regularly engaged in violence to protect its drug proceeds and reputation. The Crime Family possessed an arsenal of illegal firearms which were used by Crime Family members in several shootings, including a murder committed on January 25, 2000. The leader of the organization was convicted after trial in 2003 and sentenced to life in prison. The co-leader of the gang pled guilty and was sentenced to thirty-three years' imprisonment. The other defendants also pled guilty.	17-35
NY-E			Boston Crew	4	Four members and associates of a violent narcotics organization, identified in the indictments as the "Boston Crew," were charged with racketeering-related charges, including RICO, RICO conspiracy and murder in aid of racketeering, as well as narcotics charges. The organization operated in New York City, the Dominican Republic and Boston, Massachusetts. Three of the defendants pled guilty. The fourth defendant, a leader of the organization, was extradited from the Netherlands to the United States in early 2006 and is awaiting trial.	
NY-E	U.S. v. Medina, Henry, et al.		FDP Crew	13	Thirteen members of a violent narcotics gang known as the "FDP Crew" were indicted in 2005 on RICO, RICO conspiracy and other offenses including narcotics trafficking, robbery, murder in aid of racketeering and firearms charges. Two members of the crew are charged with attempted murder for shooting at law enforcement officers on the crew's block. One defendant is charged with the murder of a rival gang member. Eight of the defendants have pled guilty or cooperated. The remaining five defendants are awaiting trial.	19-45
NY-E	U.S. v. Gil, Carlos, et al.		Latin Kings	2	Two members of the Almighty Latin Kings Nation have been charged with murder in aid of racketeering for the 2001 murder of a rival gang member. The first defendant pled guilty in 2004. The second was charged with murder in aid of racketeering in December 2004 and is awaiting trial.	1 Juvenile

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NY-E	U.S. v. Rodriguez, Amadeo, et al.		Netas	7	Seven members of the Nétas' Freeport, New York "chapter" were charged in 2004 in an indictment and an information with VICAR murder, conspiracy, and assault charges, as well as firearms offenses. The defendants included the Nétas' Vice President and the gang's "Leader of Discipline." Most of the charges relate to a street war between the MS-13 and the Nétas, which originated with the November 1999 murder of a pre-med student at Stonybrook University. The victim was with several of the Nétas defendants when he was repeatedly shot and killed after MS-13 members mistakenly believed him to be a Nétas member. During the war with MS-13, two Nétas members murdered an innocent victim whom they mistakenly believed to be one of the leaders of MS-13 on Long Island. The trial for the two death-penalty eligible Nétas members is scheduled for 2007.	
NY-E	U.S. v. Katona, et al.		Pagans Outlaw Motorcycle Club	65	On February 22, 2002, dozens of heavily-armed members of the Pagans Outlaw Motorcycle Club descended upon the Vanderbilt Catering Hall in Plainview, New York to attack a public event hosted by the Hell's Angels. About a dozen people were shot, stabbed or beaten, and one Pagan was killed. Approximately sixty-five Pagans – including three members of the Pagans' "Mother Club" – pled guilty to VICAR racketeering charges stemming from the fight, and a holdout defendant was convicted of VICAR racketeering counts at trial. The defendants were sentenced to between two and seven years' imprisonment for their involvement in this brawl. This prosecution essentially eliminated the presence of the Pagans on Long Island.	
NY-N	U.S. v. Edwards, Corey, et al.	2003	Boot Camp	26	This involved a neighborhood street gang that occupied a multi-block area in Syracuse, NY. The gang controlled the sale of crack cocaine in their territory by violence, which included routine shootings of rival gang members. Twenty-five defendants have pled to racketeering charges and been sentenced; the gang leader was convicted after trial and sentenced to 40 years.	19-32
NY-N	U.S. v. Applins, Billy, et al.	2005	Elk Block	16	This Syracuse street gang is a rival to Boot Camp. They also controlled a defined drug territory through violence and the use of firearms. All but five defendants have pled guilty to racketeering charges; the remaining five are scheduled for trial.	19-38
NY-N	U.S. v. Montanez, et al	2006	Brighton Brigade	14	The Brighton Brigade is a Syracuse street gang that controlled their drug selling (crack) territory by violence and the use of firearms. They controlled an area of Syracuse that bordered on territory controlled by members of Boot Camp and Elk Block. As a result, violence between gang members was common.	19-30

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NY-N	U.S. v. Conley, Earnest, et al	2006	Jungle Junkies	30	The Jungle Junkies is an Albany, NY street gang which, while local, has ties to national gangs such as the Blood's and Crips. All the defendants have significant criminal histories and were engaged in racketeering activities that included narcotic trafficking (crack) and attempted murders of rival gang members through the use of firearms.	18-23
NY-S	U.S. v. Hidalgo, Jose, et al.	2003	Hidalgo Organization	9	The Hidalgo Organization was primarily a wholesale drug distribution organization that distributed hundreds of kilograms of heroin and thousands of kilograms of cocaine throughout the New York City area between the late 1980s and early 2002. The Organization also laundered millions of dollars in drug proceeds during this period. In furtherance of the Organization's drug business, members of the Organization murdered two rival drug dealers who were selling narcotics near the Organization's territory, in November 1994 and December 1994, respectively.	
NY-S	U.S. v. Vega, Edwin, et al.	2003	Sex, Money and Murder	5	Sex, Money and Murder ("SMM") was a violent subset of the Bloods, operating out of the Soundview section of the Bronx. SMM sold crack cocaine and committed numerous acts of violence, including murder, to protect its drug territory. During the course of the Government's nearly decade-long investigation of this murderous gang, charges were brought against dozens of gang members and numerous murders solved.	
NY-S	U.S. v. Manzueta, Gregorio, et al.	2003	Manzueta Organization	16	Robbery, narcotics trafficking	
NY-S	U.S. v. Eusebio, Alvin, et al.	2003	Westchester Avenue Crew	13	The Westchester Avenue Crew sold crack and heroin in the Bronx and in Pennsylvania. In July 2002, gang leaders paid for the murder of a rival drug dealer. In October 2002, one of these gang leaders was murdered by members of the crew who wanted him out of the way. Two crew members planned the murder and enlisted a juvenile as the shooter. All defendants have been convicted.	1 Juvenile
NY-S	U.S. v. Becton, Charod, et al.	2003	Murder Unit	3	Murder Unit was a street-level drug distribution gang that sold large quantities of crack cocaine and marijuana in the vicinity of Gerard Avenue and 157th Street, in the South Bronx. Members of the gang also committed acts of violence and threats of violence, including extortion. In January 2002, three members of Murder Unit murdered three people inside an apartment on Gerard Avenue, during the course of a Hobbs Act robbery in which they stole approximately 33 kilograms of cocaine.	

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NY-S	U.S. v. Ma, Sui Min, et al.	2003	Frank Ma Organization	5	The Frank Ma Organization operated primarily in the New York City area, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, and was composed largely of Chinese and Vietnamese men and women. Throughout the 1990s, the organization was engaged in trafficking in Asian heroin, stealing luxury cars and shipping them to China for sale, and committing armed robberies of computer chip companies. The organization also committed several murders in furtherance of its illegal operations, operated various illegal gambling businesses, and engaged in alien smuggling.	
NY-S	Wang, Shao Fang, et al.	2004	Wang Enterprise	8	Illegal gambling parlors; smuggling Chinese citizens into U.S.	
NY-S	U.S. v. Abad, Freddy, et al.	2004	Andrews Avenue	3	The Andrews Avenue Enterprise was a violent armed robbery crew that committed dozens of home-invasion robberies and burglaries of suspected narcotics traffickers throughout the New York City area, from at least in or about 1993 through in or about fall 1996; the crew was responsible for at least two murders and a kidnapping prior to 1996; in September 1996, four members of the crew robbed and murdered a cocaine dealer inside his apartment in Upper Manhattan, in front of more than a dozen members of his family.	
NY-S	U.S. v. Shang, Lim, et al.	2004	Lim Organization	5	Illegal gambling parlors; trafficking in counterfeit goods	
NY-S	U.S. v. Gonzalez, Edwin	2005	Latin Kings	1	Street Gang	
NY-S	U.S. v. Brown, Mark, et al.	2005	Two Mile Posse	22	From 1999 to 2004, the Two Mile Posse was comprised of more than two dozen Jamaican nationals. The enterprise engaged in the transport of large quantities of marijuana from Arizona for sale in New York, New York, and the murder of several individuals to protect the Two Mile Posse's narcotics-trafficking activity. The Two Mile Posse's criminal activity was centered around marijuana-trafficking between Arizona and two locations in Manhattan. Some members of the Two Mile Posse loaded marijuana into trucks in Arizona, while others purchased the marijuana upon its arrival in New York, and sold it out of an apartment building in Manhattan. The murders charged in the indictment included a planned double homicide in which members of the Two Mile Posse gunned down two Jamaican nationals who had been extorting members of the organization and a vicious stabbing that took place on the streets of upper Manhattan.	

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NY-S	U.S. v. Speed, Robert, et al		Speed Robbery Crew	2	This was a two-man organization that, after breaking into homes at night, bound, gagged and terrorized their victims, including children home alone, and that robbed businesses and restaurants at gunpoint in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. During the course of their criminal activity, they stole millions of dollars in cash and jewelry. One defendant cooperated against the other and pleaded to a RICO charge. The defendants committed over 180 robberies between 1995 and 2001, largely of homes and businesses.	
NY-S	U.S. v. Minaya, Franklin, et al.			11	This case involves a violent home invasion robbery crew that committed more than 80 robberies of drug dealers between 1997 and 2001. During these robberies, many victims were tied up, shot, and stabbed, and three people were killed. In addition to racketeering, the charges in the case included Hobbs Act, firearms, narcotics and murder charges. Three are currently fugitives; the rest have been convicted or pleaded guilty, and though none have been sentenced yet, two face mandatory minimums of 125 years.	
NY-S	U.S. v. Garcia, Rosalie, et al.		Hoe Avenue Organization	7	The Hoe Avenue Organization operated a highly lucrative street-level heroin spot in the South Bronx, from in or about 1991 through 2002, which sold up to $70,000 worth of heroin per week; in furtherance of the Organization's heroin business, between 1993 and 1997 members of the Organization committed at least four murders of rival drug dealers who were infringing on the Organization's territory.	
OH-N	U.S. v. Wheeler, James Lee, et al.	2003	Outlaw Motorcycle Club	38	A 40-count indictment was brought against thirty-eight defendants from Indiana, Oklahoma, Kentucky, New York and Ohio. Thirteen of the defendants were charged with violating, and 15 other defendants were charged with conspiracy to violate, RICO by being members of or associated with the "Outlaw Motorcycle Club (OMC)" enterprise. The OMC was supervised on a national and international level by the international president or "International Spokesman". The defendants engaged in a pattern of racketeering by violating the federal drug laws, unlawful use of communications facilities, interstate travel in aid of racketeering, tampering with a witness, victim or informant, interstate transportation and possession of stolen motor vehicles, participating in extortionate credit transactions, attempted murder and murder, and attempted arson and arson. Many of the defendants charged held leadership roles in the OMC. Other charges included: drug conspiracy, firearms conspiracy, possession with intent to distribute controlled substances, extortionate credit transactions.	35+
OH-S	U.S. v. Myles, Gary, et al.	2006	the Grimmies	8	Murder, drug possession and various weapons charges	

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OK-N	U.S. v. Summers, Michael, et al.		Hoover Crips	13	A RICO conspiracy case was prosecuted against the Hoover Crips, a violent street gang operating in the Tulsa, OK area. The allegations included RICO conspiracy, VICAR, drug offenses, weapons offenses, and intimidation of witnesses. The leader of the gang dubbed himself the "five star general" of the Hoover Crips and the main defendants pled guilty to the RICO conspiracy charge.	21-34
PA-E	U.S. v Williams, Vincent, et al.	2003	Boyle Street Boys	8	This gang controlled the Highland gardens section of Chester, PA. The victims included a 16 year old cooperating witness. Two other victims were murdered because they challenged the group's authority within the gardens.	18-25 (2); 26-35 (6)
PA-E	U.S. v. Sosa, William, et al.		Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation	17	Through ALKQN the defendants participated in a conspiracy to participate in the affairs of a racketeering conspiracy. They also conspired to murder, kidnap, conspired to kidnap, conspired to maim, used firearms during these violent crimes, and conspired to distribute more than 1,000 grams of heroin within 1,000 feet of a public elementary school from 1999 to January 2005. Seventeen defendants were indicted. Eight pled guilty, six were convicted at trial, and three were acquitted.	18-25 (8); 26-35 (7); 35+ (2)
TX-S	U.S. v. Hernandez, Felix Ruben, et al.	2003		8	This is a large, multi-year, multi-state, multi-ton cocaine and marihuana RICO conspiracy which also involved money laundering and wire fraud activity.	18-25 (1); 26-35 (5); 35+ (2)
TX-W	U.S. v. Salazar, Randy, et al.	2003	Texas Syndicate	24	The Austin Texas Syndicate engaged in drug trafficking and violent crimes including murder, attempted murder and aggravated robbery. The prosecution covered 4 murders.	20-30
UT	U.S. v. Swena, Tracy David, et al.	2003	Soldiers of Aryan Culture	12	This case involved gang crimes primarily related to prison activity, but with some spillover to the community after release. Charges ranged from attempted murder, aggravated assault, maiming, extortion, and drug distribution. Twelve defendants were charged. One defendant's case was dismissed outright. Sentences ranged from 3 1/2 years to 25 years imprisonment. This matter is closed, all eleven defendants pled and waived any and all appeal rights.	
UT	U.S. v. Smith, Tyrese, et al.	2003		10	This case involving a street gang with Caucasian, African American, Hispanic, and Polynesian members. The charges included murder, attempted murder, arson, aggravated assault, and drug distribution. Ten people were charged federally. Of these ten, one was dismissed and pled in state court to distribution charges. Sentences for all other defendants ranged from 6 1/2 years to life imprisonment.	
UT	U.S. v. Chhoun, Daniel, et al.	2006	Tiny Oriental Posse	14	This case involves a Laotian and Cambodian street gang. Their criminal activities relate to their ongoing rivalry with another Asian gang. Fourteen defendants were charged, including thirteen members of the gang and one associate.	

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VA-E	U.S. v. Allen, Antoine D., et al.	2004	Third Ward	18	Drug Ring	
VA-E	U.S. v. Montoya Baires, Wilfredo, et al.	2005	MS-13	3	The three defendants, members of MS-13, killed a fellow MS-13 member in Manassas, Virginia, on August 11, 2004, because they suspected him of being an informant for the police, though he was not. Two defendants pled guilty to conspiracy to commit murder in aid of racketeering and face a maximum of ten-years imprisonment. The third was convicted in September 2006 after a jury trial of murder in aid of racketeering. He faces a mandatory life sentence.	18-30
VA-E	U.S. v. Reyes, Alirio, et al.	2004	MS-13	2	On May 16, 2004, two members of MS-13, shot and killed a 17-year-old juvenile male and shot and seriously injured a 16-year-old juvenile female in Herndon, Virginia. The defendants suspected that the juvenile male was a member of a rival gang, the 18th Street Gang. After the shooting, the defendants fled to Los Angeles, where they were apprehended by members of the U.S. Marshals' Fugitive Task Force. Within months of their arrest, the defendants were charged federally with murder in aid of racketeering and related charges. One defendant pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment. After three days of trial, the second defendant also pled guilty to murder and later was sentenced to life imprisonment.	25-30
VA-E	U.S.A. v. Batts, et al.	2004	Third Ward Gang	18	In February 2004, 18 members of this conspiracy were charged with conspiracy to violate the RICO statute and conspiracy to distribute 50 or more grams of cocaine base. The case went to trial in July 2004. The conspiracy involved a group of individuals who referred to themselves as the "Third Ward Gang." The gang operated three open-air drug markets within the Third Ward political district in Petersburg, Virginia. In addition to moving major amounts of cocaine base, the group was also involved in a number of violent acts in an effort to protect their drug territory. Of the 18 indicted, 13 pleaded guilty and 5 went to trial and were found guilty. They received the following sentences (in months): 57, 62, 120, 164, 156, 265, 235, 240, 245, 262, 292, 300, 300, 360, 372, 384, Life, and Life.	18-30

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VA-E	U.S. v. Gia Le, Cuong, et al.	2003	Oriental Playboys	7	The defendants were members of a Vietnamese gang known as the Oriental Playboys, or OPB. The gang originated in 2000 as an offshoot of another Vietnamese gang, and, between late 2000 and early 2001, its members were responsible for numerous armed home-invasion robberies, assaults, attempted murders and murder in Northern Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. They were also involved in drug trafficking (cocaine, crack cocaine, marijuana and ecstasy), gambling, and credit card fraud. Thirteen members of OPB, including the seven defendants identified above, were convicted of various federal offenses. The leader of OPB pled guilty to RICO, two counts of VICAR murder, VICAR attempted murder, VICAR assault with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to commit robbery, and two counts of firearms murder. He was sentenced to life imprisonment.	18-35
VA-W	U.S. v. Brown, Travis L., et al.	2005	Project Crud or PJC, Westside	23	The indictment was against a gang in the Charlottesville area known as "Project Crud", or "Westside". The indictment identified 17 individuals who were responsible for the distribution of large quantities of crack cocaine who enforced their drug distribution network through numerous acts of violence, including robbery, kidnapping, assault and murder	26-35
WA-W		2006	Hells Angels	5	The defendants were charged with racketeering crimes, including murder, extortion, robbery, and trafficking in stolen motorcycles. Trial is pending.	30-40+
WA-W	U.S.A. v. Wegers, et al.	2006	Bandidos	20+	The defendants were charged with VICAR and, in some cases racketeering. All of the defendants' cases have been resolved, most by pleas, some by dismissals.	
WI-E	U.S. v. Acosta, Gregorio, et al.	2005	Latin Kings	49	In October 2005, 49 members of the Milwaukee Latin King street gang were indicted on federal RICO and RICO conspiracy charges. The case is currently in the pretrial motion stage with a anticipated trial in the summer of 2007.	3 Juveniles (two transferred to adult) 16-25 (50%) 25-35 (50%)