Background
Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) originated in Los Angeles during the 1980s and has quickly become one of the fastest growing and most violent street gangs in the world. MS-13 members are typically Salvadorans, Guatemalans, and Honduran nationals or first-generation descendants; however, MS-13 has been known to admit Mexicans, Dominicans, and non-Hispanic individuals. It is estimated that MS-13 currently has 8,000 --10,000 members throughout the United States, with a known presence in forty-two states. In the southeast region,'
A recent influx of MS-13 members into this region, however, is thought to be creating an increase in violent crimes?

MS-13 members engage in a wide variety of criminal activity, including drug distribution, murder, rape, prostitution, robbery, home invasions, immigration offenses, kidnapping, carjacking/auto thefts, and vandalism. In order to supplement their income, MS-13 members often obtain employment with legitimate businesses. The construction, restaurant, delivery service, and landscaping industries are primarily targeted by MS-13 members seeking employment due to immigration documentation leniency..3

MS-13 is known to actively recruit new members by glorifying the gang lifestyle. Gang members typically use the Internet for recruitment purposes and have been known to post videos on web sites such as YouTube.com and myspace.com.4Recruitment efforts have also been noted in middle and high schools at various locations throughout the United States.

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Mobile Division Foreign Born Honduras Population

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Mobile Division Foreign Born Guatemala Population

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Total Gualaruala Foreign Born Population: 292

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Total Honduras Foreign Born Population: 271 I

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Mobile Division Foreign Born Nicaragua Population

Total Nicaragua Foreign Born Population: 125

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Mobile Division Foreign Born El Salvador Population

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