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## Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Profile

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# Pagan's Motorcycle Club

The Pagan's Motorcycle Club is a violent criminal organization that [REDACTED]. It is the [REDACTED] largest outlaw motorcycle gang (OMG) in the country and the predominant OMG in the [REDACTED]. The Pagan's OMG has an estimated [REDACTED] members among [REDACTED] chapters in [REDACTED] states. The club has established ties to [REDACTED] and engages in criminal activities such as [REDACTED].

### Background

The Pagan's Motorcycle Club (PMC) began in [REDACTED] as a comradeship among 13 motorcyclists. In the 1960s this association established a formal motorcycle club, adopted a [REDACTED], and began displaying a club insignia. PMC chapters were established in [REDACTED]. The 13 founding members formed a governing structure known as the [REDACTED] and chose a national president. Emulating the [REDACTED] PMC embraced the criminal OMG philosophy.

From its inception the PMC has relied on the [REDACTED] as a primary source of revenue. Due to the expansion of its [REDACTED] in the mid-1970s, the OMG relocated its headquarters from the [REDACTED]. It established [REDACTED] new chapters in [REDACTED]. In 1974, 41 Pagan's members, including many founders, were convicted of [REDACTED]. The first recognized national president [REDACTED].

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also was arrested and was convicted of ordering the murder of a rival OMG associate.

Rebuilding the club in the early 1980s, the second national president and the remaining [redacted] members relocated to the city of [redacted] they founded [redacted] new chapters. In joint ventures with [redacted] PMC soon controlled [redacted] and was involved in the [redacted]. These criminal activities resulted in the 1986 indictment and conviction of the second national president and 12 [redacted] members on federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) charges.

In the late 1980s the [redacted] sought to lower the club's profile by relocating [redacted]. During this period three successive national presidents, most of the [redacted] and 31 other Pagan's members from [redacted] were arrested and convicted of major [redacted] and RICO violations.

By the early 1990s PMC had expanded into the [redacted]. Members of the [redacted] decided to transfer the responsibility for conducting [redacted] activities to individual chapters and members. This move was designed to insulate the [redacted] from RICO and Continuing Criminal Enterprise (CCE) charges, and it compelled law enforcement authorities to concentrate on local PMC chapters and individual members. Law enforcement investigations in [redacted] provided evidence of this new operating method. In 1998 the [redacted] was

targeted by law enforcement as a major [redacted] group, and one member was [redacted]

In 1998 the [redacted] when 27 Pagan's members were arrested and convicted of federal felony offenses including [redacted]

The [redacted] Pagan's chapters in [redacted] were disbanded in late 2001 [redacted]

### Organizational Structure

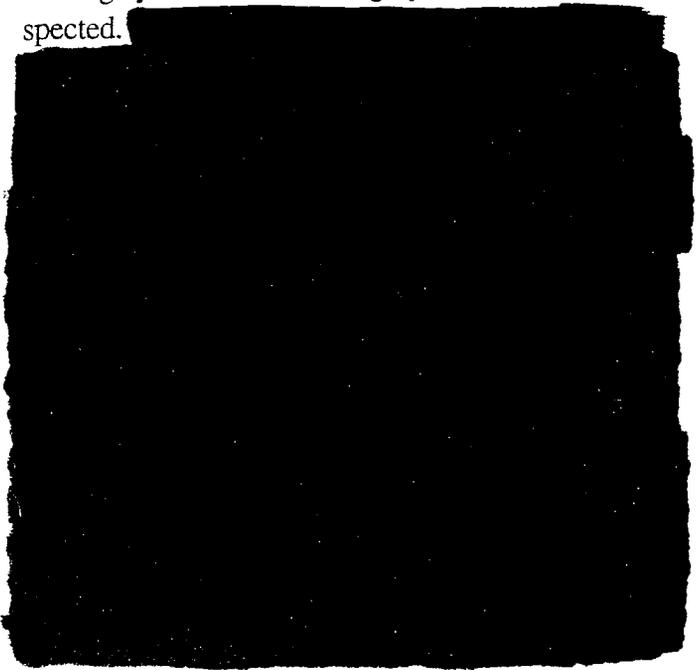
PMC or The Pagan's Nation, as it is sometimes called, has a [redacted] governing operations. [redacted]

The Pagan's Motorcycle Club is led by [redacted]. The [redacted] acts as the policymaking and governing body. It meets frequently to discuss problems, recruitment, and OMG business. Each [redacted] member serves as a regional representative who oversees the activities of PMC members and chapters within a specific geographic region. From its ranks, the [redacted] chooses a national president. [redacted]

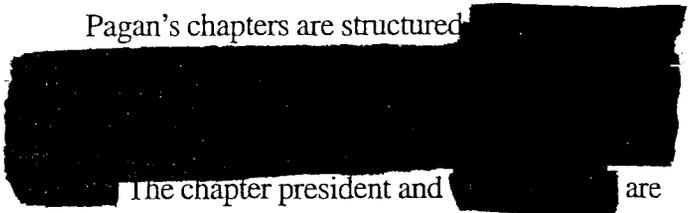
The national presidency and [redacted]

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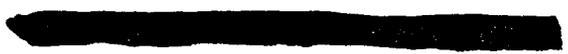
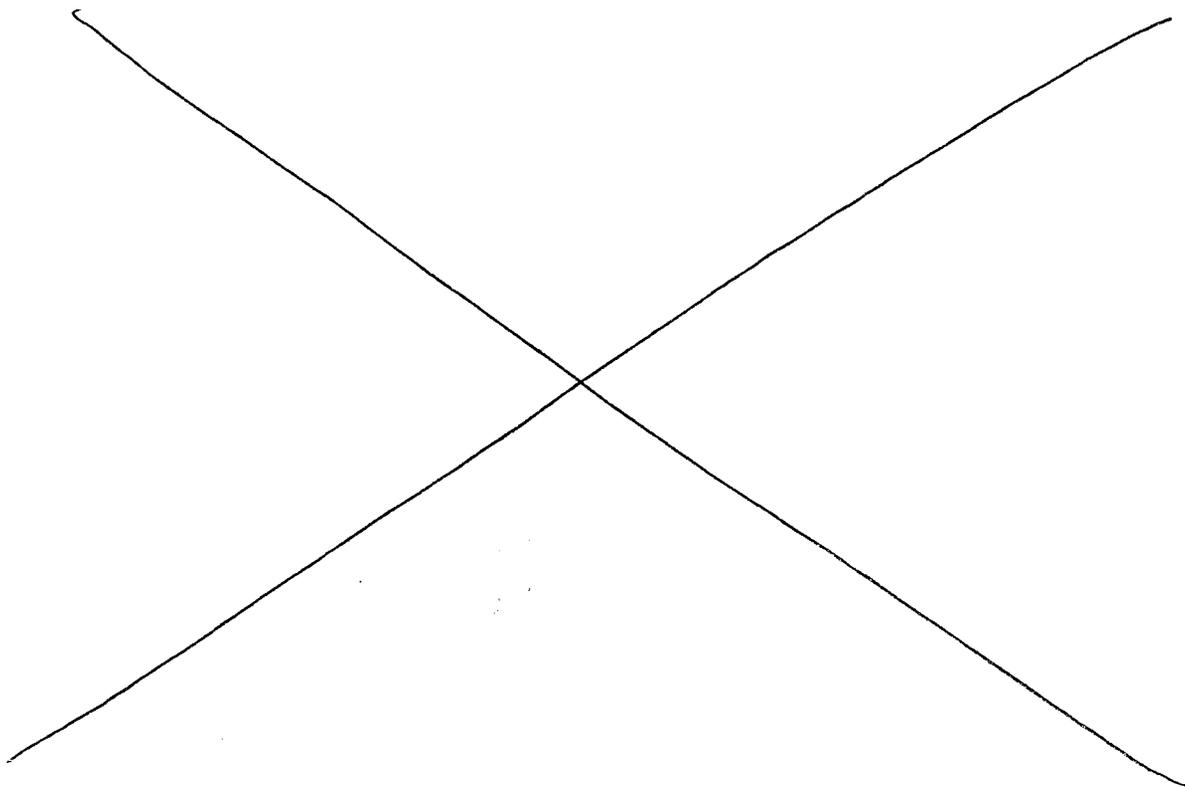
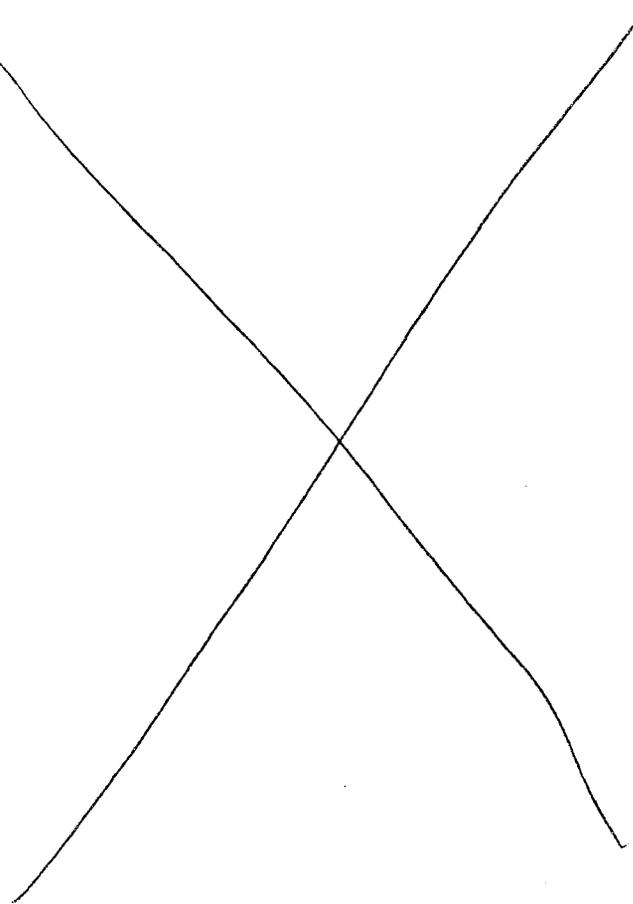
are largely ceremonial but highly revered and respected.



Pagan's chapters are structured



The chapter president and are the decisionmakers in the day-to-day business of the



chapter, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] may recognize a chapter president for outstanding service or accomplishments by bestowing on him the honorary title [REDACTED] The [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] then represents [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In January 2002 the Pagan's OMG had [REDACTED] chapters in [REDACTED] states in the [REDACTED] United States.

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[REDACTED]

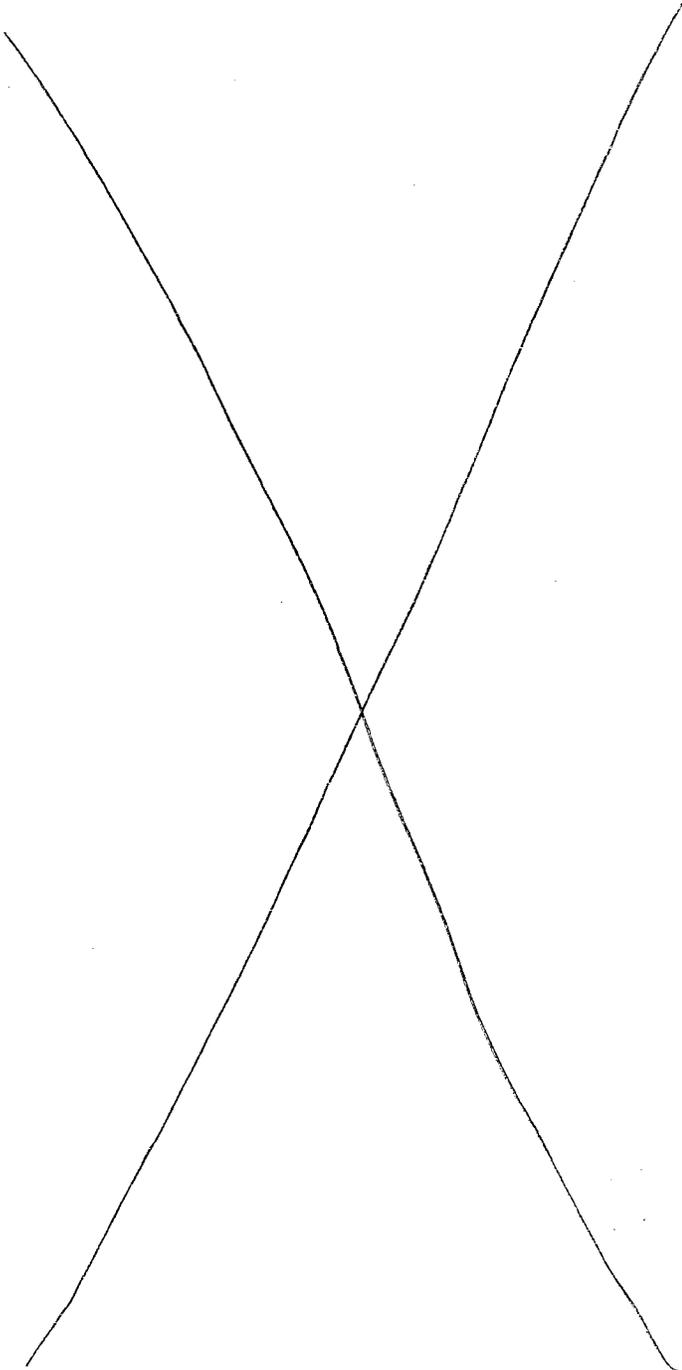
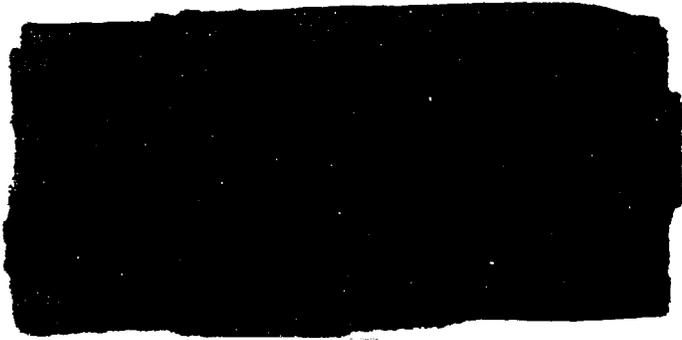
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## Membership

Candidates for PMC membership are known as prospects. Prospects must be male, white, and at least 18 years of age. Candidates must remain prospects for a minimum of [redacted] weeks under the sponsorship of a current chapter member. The sponsoring member must have known the prospect for at least [redacted]. According to the PMC [redacted] a prospect must do "anything a member asks him to do that the member himself would do." Prospects are often required to [redacted] to prove their loyalty.

[redacted] To become a full member, a prospect must [redacted]

Members must [redacted]

## PMC and Women

Women have no rights in the club and are not trusted with any club information [redacted]

"Old ladies" are the wives or steady girlfriends of chapter members. Old ladies are entitled to wear special patches that designate them as restricted property of a specific member. Club members may have more than one old lady.

"Honeys" or "Train Honeys" are women who belong to the chapter as a whole and can be sold, traded, loaned, or given away.

Prospects are also obtained through affiliated [redacted] A [redacted] is a smaller motorcycle club from which a major OMG recruits members. A [redacted] may also be a [redacted] A [redacted] is a smaller affiliated

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motorcycle club that performs a service for a larger OMG PMC has been known to absorb [redacted] an entire [redacted] club to quickly increase membership. The most prominent PMC [redacted] are the [redacted]

Membership in the Pagan's OMG is [redacted]

PMC members are easily identified by their clothing, patches, and tattoos. Members wear blue denim vests called cuts or cutoffs (collar and sleeves are cut off) with club patches, known as colors, on the front and back. Pagan's patches typically have red or blue lettering on a white background and are bordered in red. On the top of the back is a patch with the word Pagan's in blue Gothic print on a white background. Under this patch is a colorful red and yellow patch, which depicts the mythical deity Surtyr (also Surtur, Sutar, or Zutar) sitting in a sea of fire and holding a sword. Two lower white patches contain the blue letters M and C for motorcycle club.



Pagan's back patches.

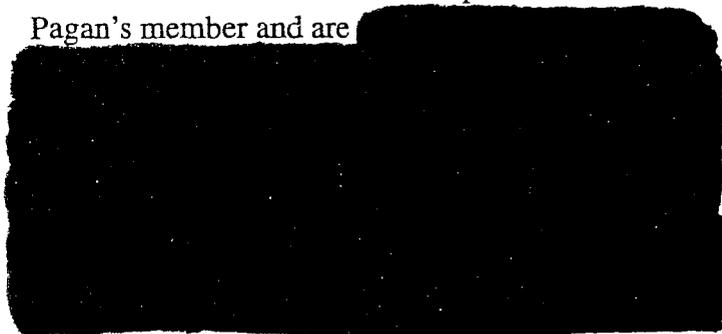
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Smaller versions of the back side patches are worn on the right front of the cuts. On the left front of the cuts is a white, diamond-shaped patch with a red 1%. The 1% refers to a statement made by the former president of the American Motorcycle Association that 99 percent of the motorcycling public are honest, law-abiding citizens and that only 1 percent are troublemakers. Other than these standard patches, a regular member (RM) may wear whatever he desires on the front of his cuts but nothing more on the back. [redacted]



Other front patches often bear the letters PMC; LPDP (Live Pagan's; Die Pagan's); PFFP (Pagan's Forever; Forever Pagan's); and 16 (the sixteenth letter of the alphabet, or P for Pagan's). Members often wear a curved rocker patch identifying their chapter's location or small rectangular patches with the club names of deceased members. Nazi or Aryan white supremacist patches and regalia also are common on the front of the cuts.

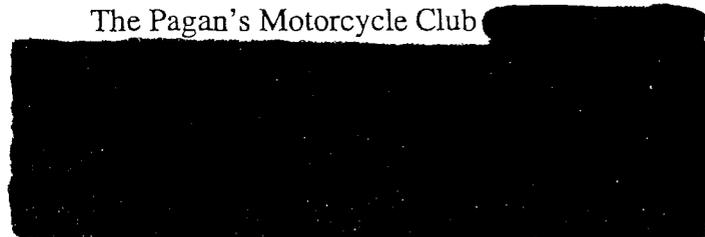
Colors are the most revered possession of a Pagan's member and are [redacted]



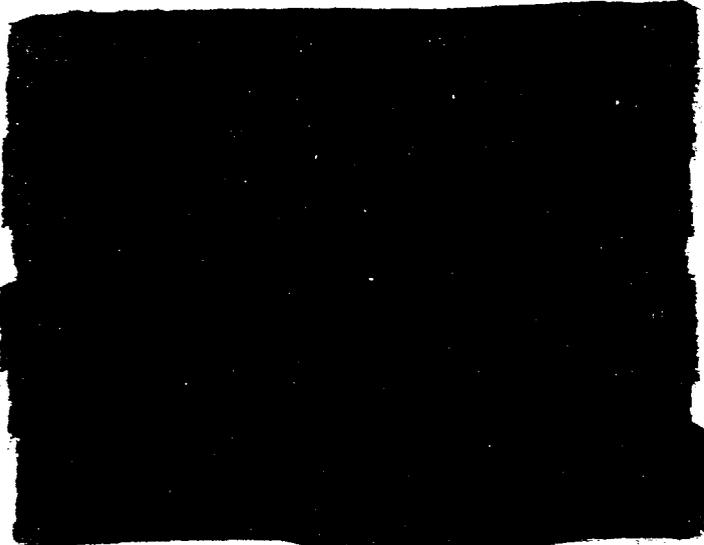
Tattoos are held in the same high esteem as colors. [redacted] are required to earn the right to wear a PMC, LPDP, PFFP, or 1% tattoo. Only after [redacted] can a member wear "Pagan's M.C. with God" tattooed on his back. Members leaving the club in bad standing must [redacted]

### Drug Trafficking

The Pagan's Motorcycle Club [redacted]



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### Violence

Pagan's members,

commit  
PMC is known to use

Pagan's members have been convicted of

and RICO and CCE violations. Even when incarcerated, Pagan's members are

Pagan's members most often

PMC reserves its most violent and brutal tactics for rival OMGs that infringe on its territory.

### Other Criminal Activity

Many PMC members own

### Outlook

The Pagan's Motorcycle Club remains a criminal threat to the states in which it operates. It is a resilient organization with affiliate clubs and an effective relationship with

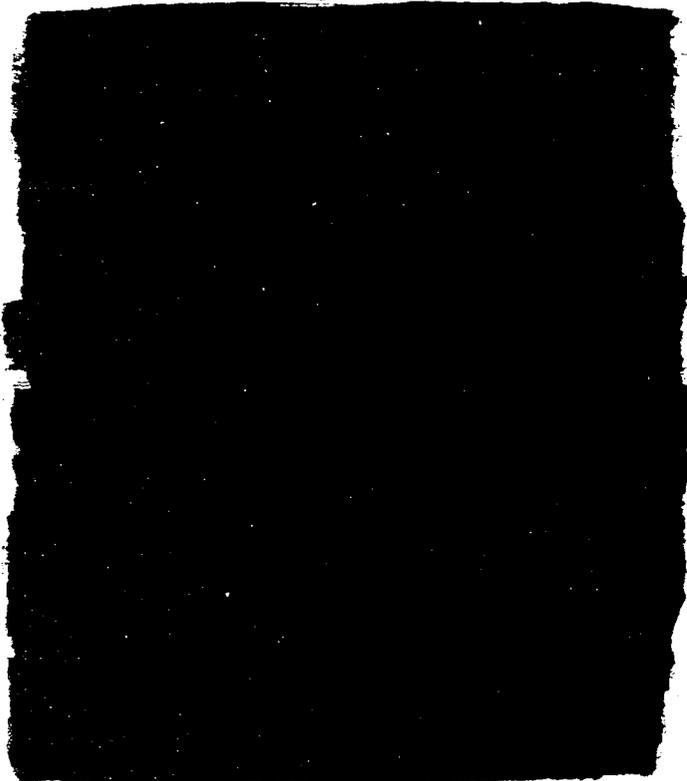
The club is not expected to

However, the threat to the general public and law enforcement from PMC will increase as it defends its existing territory

PMC is expected to

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**Intelligence Gaps**



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## Sources

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### Federal

U.S. Department of Justice  
Drug Enforcement Administration  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Bureau of Prisons  
U.S. Department of Treasury  
U.S. Customs Service

### State

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*The Washington Post*

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*St. Petersburg Times*

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*Philadelphia City Paper, www.citypaper.net*

*The Philadelphia Inquirer*

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International

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