

## **SUMMARY OF GANG EXPERIENCE**

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### **SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING**

1 I, Todd Frank González Lobdell, am the owner and qualified manager of Avery &  
2 Associates Investigations, a licensed California Investigations Firm with offices in  
3 Morgan Hill and San Jose, California. My license number is 187841. I specialize in gang  
4 related criminal defense investigations. I am approved by, and currently investigate  
5 gang related criminal defense investigations for the Santa Clara County Independent  
6 Defense Counsel Offense (IDO) in San Jose, California.  
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8 I retired from the San Jose Police Department in October 2008 with over 19 years of  
9 full-time service. While employed by the San Jose Police Department, I worked several  
10 specialized units, such as Patrol, Personnel and Training, Reserve Training Officer  
11 (RTO), Field Training Officer (FTO), the Violent Crime Unit (VCU) as a Gang Detective,  
12 and the Fugitive Task Force of the Mobile Emergence Response Group and Equipment  
13 (MERGE) Unit as an Intelligence Officer. I gathered intelligence on violent offenders and  
14 gang members as a member of the MERGE Unit.

15 As a Gang Detective, I have investigated hundreds of gang related crimes including  
16 Homicides, Attempted Homicides, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Shootings,  
17 Stabbings, Assaults and Battery, Sexual Assaults (including a gang rape), Burglaries,  
18 Weapons cases, Narcotic cases, and many other types of Gang Related and Non-Gang  
19 Related crimes.

20 I have reviewed hundreds of gang related crime reports and field interview cards. I have  
21 had conversations with hundreds of gang members, police officers, police detectives,  
22 probation officers, parole agents, correction officers, and FBI Agents and attorneys  
23 about gangs.

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1 We have spoken about the history of prison gangs, history of criminal street gangs, and  
2 the history of drop out gangs like the Northern Riders, and the 2-5ers. We have spoken  
3 about reasons members join gangs, gang culture, gang structure and hierarchy, criminal  
4 activities of gangs and gang members, graffiti, hand signs, colors, gang symbols, signs,  
5 marks and tattoos. We have also spoken about the identification and validation process.  
6 We have also spoken about 186.22 of the penal code and gang related case law.

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8 I have attended numerous gang classes and seminars. I have read, and continually  
9 read, numerous articles and publications about gangs, and gang activity in San Jose  
10 and throughout California. I also watch numerous documentaries on gangs and gang  
11 activity in California. I am currently in the process of writing an article about the Northern  
12 Riders and the history of Dropout gangs.

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14 I have written and executed several search warrants on gang members. I was also  
15 responsible for tracking and compiling gang information and testifying as an expert on  
16 gangs in court. I have taught numerous gang classes to police officers, correctional  
17 officers, parole agents, FBI agents, dispatchers and the community.

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19 I also created and wrote several of the original gang predicate summaries used to  
20 validate and prosecute several Norteño and Sureño subset Gangs as Criminal Street  
21 Gangs in San Jose per section 186.22 of the California Penal Code.

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23 I have continued to stay in contact with San Jose Police Gang Experts both active and  
24 retired, and CDCR Gang Experts, and several current Gang Members. We discuss the

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1 history of, and current crimes and trends of street gangs, prison gangs, including the  
2 Northern Riders and other drop out gangs.

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4 I have been certified on many statewide database computer systems. I was a certified  
5 instructor on the California Parolee Law Enforcement Automated Data System (Parolee  
6 LEADS) by the California Department of Corrections. This is a database containing  
7 names of current parolees as well as parolee gang members. I was also certified on the  
8 California Gang Database System (CAL GANG). Cal Gang was a database of validated  
9 gang members throughout California.

10 I have taught many classes on Local and Statewide Databases Systems, Criminal  
11 Street and Prison Gangs, Gang Validation, Gang Suppression and Prevention, Crime  
12 Prevention and Criminal Gang Investigations.

13 I have been qualified several times by the California Municipal and Superior Courts in  
14 Santa Clara County as an expert on gangs. I have testified as an expert on many gang  
15 cases in those same courts. I was also qualified as an expert on narcotics and firearms.  
16 I have numerous letters of training, letters of appreciation and commendation, and I was  
17 also awarded a Life Saving Medal from the San Jose Police Department.

18 I was a College District Police Officer and Detective with the San Jose / Evergreen  
19 Community College District Police Department in San Jose for 4 years. At the College  
20 PD, I patrolled the campus and conducted investigations. I spoke to ex-gang members  
21 at the College and even put on a presentation for a gang member that I arrested as a  
22 San Jose Police Gang Detective. He asked me to put on a presentation in his

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1 Administration of Justice Class, and he accredits me with convincing him to get out of  
2 the gang life and pursue a law enforcement career.

3 I was a Reserve Police Officer in the Military Police Corps of the United States Army  
4 Reserve for 6 years. I was awarded the Army Achievement Medal, and an Honorable  
5 Discharge from the United States Army. I graduated from the Military Police Academy in  
6 Ft. McClellan, Alabama in 1979.

7 I graduated from the San Jose Police Academy in 1989 and received the "Top  
8 Academic Award" for the highest score in my class. I also graduated from the Santa  
9 Clara County Regional Police Academy in 1984.

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11 I majored in Administration of Justice and Criminal Law at West Valley College in  
12 Saratoga, California. I have attended many advanced training courses and seminars on  
13 law enforcement, investigations, and gangs. I have numerous Certificates of Training,  
14 Appreciation, and Commendation.

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### **GANG TRAINING COURSES AND SEMINARS**

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#### **Managing Gang - Related Cases - Bench Handbook**

19 Judicial Council of California, Operations and Program Division

20 Center for Judicial education and Research - Revised 2019

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#### **Challenging Expert Testimony in Gang Cases**

23 September 2017

24 Publication by Attorney Lori Quick

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- 1 **Current Gang Trends in San Jose**  
2 July 2017  
3 PowerPoint Presentation  
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- 5 **Gangs 101 (A Video Presentation Episodes 1-11)**  
6 Officer Joe Perez  
7 San Jose Police Resource Officer  
8 February 20, 2015  
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- 10 **Gang 102 “A Way Out” (2014 Crime and Gang Prevention Summit)**  
11 2014  
12 Power Point Presentation  
13 Fernando P. Lopez, Community Coordinator  
14 Safe School Campus Initiative  
15 City of San Jose  
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- 17 **Parolees and Gangs – CDC Parole LEADS (Law Enforcement Automated Data**  
18 **Systems)**  
19 **Computer Software Instructor Training**  
20 September 2002  
21 California Department of Corrections – State Parole  
22 Sacramento, CA (8 Hours)  
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- 24 **California Gangs - CAL Gang Computer Software Instructor Training**  
25 September 2000  
26 Hayward Police Department  
27 Hayward, CA (24 Hours)  
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- 30 **A Guide to Criminal Street Gang Prosecution; Consensual Encounters;**  
31 **Detentions and Arrests**  
32 Violent Crime Enforcement Team (VCET) Gang Academy  
33 Spring 1996  
34 DDA David G. Howe, Team Leader, Gang Team  
35 San Jose, CA  
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1 **Hispanic Gangs 1920 – 1995**

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3 The California Attorney General's Ninth Annual Organized Crime and Criminal  
4 Intelligence Conference

5 August 24 – 25, 1995

6 Sgt. Joseph Guzman, LAPD

7 San Jose, CA

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9 **POST Hispanic Street Gangs Tele - Course Part 1 and Part 2**

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11 February 1995

12 San Jose Police Department

13 San Jose, CA

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15 **The Law of Criminal Street Gang Prosecution**

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17 Street Terrorism Enforcement and Prevention Act (STEP ACT)

18 VCET Academy

19 Fall 1994

20 DDA Dale R. Sanders

21 Head Deputy DA Gang Unit

22 San Jose, CA

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24 **Organized Crime and Criminal Intelligence Training Conference**

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26 August 23 – August 26, 1994

27 California Department of Justice

28 San Jose, CA (20 Hours)

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30 **San Jose Police Department Gang Investigation and Suppression Academy**

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32 February 15 – February 17, 1994

33 San Jose Police Department

34 San Jose, CA (30 Hours)

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1 **Advanced Gang Seminar**

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3 December 2 – December 3, 1993  
4 National Law Enforcement Institute  
5 Burlingame, CA (16 Hours)  
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7 **Violence in America / Causes and Solutions Seminar**

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9 November 10, 1993  
10 Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office  
11 San Jose, CA (4 Hours)  
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13 **Street Survival Training / Criminal Street Gangs**

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15 October 24, 1990 – October 25, 1990  
16 Calibre Press  
17 Monterey County Sheriff's Department  
18 Monterey, CA (16 Hours)  
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20 **San Jose Police Academy**

21 August 1989 – January 1990  
22 Gang Training (4 Hours)  
23 Evergreen valley College  
24 San Jose, CA  
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26 **Criminal Justice Training Center**

27 June 1984 – November 1984  
28 Gang Training (4 Hours)  
29 San Jose City College  
30 San Jose, CA  
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**COURT QUALIFIED GANG EXPERT**

- **Qualified as an Expert on Hispanic Criminal Street Gangs**  
Santa Clara County Municipal Court D-27 (Terraine Annex)  
**August 18, 1994**
- **Qualified as an Expert on Hispanic Criminal Street Gangs**  
Santa Clara County Superior Court  
Juvenile Division D-40  
**December 1, 1994**
- **Qualified as an Expert on Hispanic Criminal Street Gangs**  
Santa Clara County Superior Court D-32  
Juvenile Division D-40  
**January 24, 1995**
- **Qualified as an Expert on Hispanic Criminal Street Gangs**  
Santa Clara County Municipal Court D-15  
Judge Ambrose  
**May 10, 1995**
- **Qualified as an Expert on Hispanic Criminal Street Gangs**  
Santa Clara County Municipal Court  
**June 27, 1995**
- **Qualified as an Expert on Hispanic Criminal Street Gangs**  
Santa Clara County Superior Court D-18  
Judge Zechner  
**July 1995**
- **Qualified as an Expert on Hispanic Criminal Street Gangs**  
Santa Clara County Municipal Court  
Suspect Banda Preliminary Hearing  
**August 1995**



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- 1           • **Qualified as an Expert on Hispanic Criminal Street Gangs**  
2           Santa Clara County Superior Court  
3           Judge Teilh, (Jury Trial)  
4           **July 20, 1995**  
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- 6           • **Qualified as an Expert on Hispanic Criminal Street Gangs**  
7           Santa Clara County Municipal Court  
8           Judge Ambrose  
9           (Morales / Vidales Preliminary Hearing)  
10          **1995**  
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- 12          • **Qualified as an Expert on Hispanic Criminal Street Gangs**  
13          Santa Clara County Municipal Court D-22  
14          (Perales / Vega Preliminary Hearing - Campbell PD Case)  
15          **March 12, 1996**  
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- 17          • **Qualified as an Expert on Hispanic Criminal Street Gangs**  
18          Santa Clara County Municipal, Court D-27  
19          Judge Wettenkamp  
20          Def. Victor Gonzalez 208 / 220 / 186.22  
21          **July 12, 1996**  
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- 23          • **Qualified as an Expert on Hispanic Criminal Street Gangs**  
24          Santa Clara County Municipal Court D-27  
25          Judge Wentenkamp  
26          Def. Jose Gallegos / Fermin Hernandez Preliminary Hearing, 245/186.22 PC  
27          **July 15, 1996**  
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- 29          • **Qualified as an Expert on Hispanic Criminal Street Gangs**  
30          Santa Clara County Municipal Court D-23  
31          DA Gaffney, (Def. Juan Castaneda, 211, 186.22 P.C.)  
32          **August 8, 1996**  
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- 34          • **Qualified as an Expert on Hispanic Criminal Street Gangs**  
35          (Testified as an Expert on Hispanic Criminal Street Gangs, Hispanic Prison  
36          Gangs, and Drop Out Gangs; specifically, the “Northern Riders”)  
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1 Santa Clara County Superior Court D-33, San Jose, CA  
2 **Judge Kenneth P. Barnum** (Hugo Chavez Gang Related Murder Jury Trial)  
3 **November 7, 2018**

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6 **TEACHING EXPERIENCE / CRIME PREVENTION / GANG PRESENTATION**

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8 I was a Certified Instructor for the California Department of Corrections Parole  
9 LEADS Database System, and the CAL Gang Database System which contains  
10 hundreds of gang members in their databases.

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12 I have also **taught numerous classes** on the **Nuestra Familia, Mexican Mafia,**  
13 **and Hispanic Prison and Street Gangs**, and Crime Prevention to Police  
14 Officers, Police Detectives, Citizens, and High School and College Students.  
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