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PRISON BREAK

1 Smashing the Shamrock

Imprisoned leaders of the Aryan Brotherhood have long laughed off authorities' attempts to prevent them from



A massive federal indictment names the senior



SANTA ANA, Calif. — Within the Ronald Reagan Federal Building and United States Courthouse here is a courtroom called the “Nuremberg room” for its resemblance to the famous chamber in which 22 leaders of the Third Reich were

tried and convicted.

Jews are the literal descendants of Satan.

Very few Aryan Brotherhood members are sent to prison originally for hate crimes. Typically they're sent up on robbery or drug charges and then join the gang for protection. But once they're

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gang expert, and another 500 members on the streets who, like AB members everywhere, are bound by the gang's blood-and-honor code to follow the orders of their incarcerated leaders. According to a recently declassified FBI report on the Aryan Brotherhood, "The rule of thumb is that once on the streets, one must take care of his brothers that are still inside. The penalty for not doing so is death." This practice is known within the gang as "polishing the rock."

The rock is getting polished all over the country, even in Fairbanks, Alaska, a city of 30,000 deep in the interior of the Last Frontier. Sgt. William Hathaway, a security officer at the Fairbanks Correctional Center, said that an Aryan Brotherhood associate, or "Peckerwood," from the gang's Arkansas faction arrived in Fairbanks last year and began actively recruiting other Peckerwoods among the city's methamphetamine users and dealers to help set up an AB-financed drug ring. (Inside and outside prison, Peckerwoods are Aryan Brotherhood wannabes who do the gang's bidding in exchange for some degree of prestige, profit, and protection; occasionally a Peckerwood will become a full-fledged member, usually after carrying out a "hit" on an AB enemy.)

"He professes the Peckerwoods to be a 'white power gang,' and he is fairly successful in his efforts," said Sgt. ██████

Now, according to federal law enforcement agencies, there are roughly 20,000.

The gang that Greschner said was “started up as a white self-defense group in a single pen,” has evolved into a multinational criminal syndicate with hugely profitable drug trafficking and gambling operations and protection rackets within prisons across the country. On ku0 t U(w)OnnG(m)thA(mn)zjN2(C(witing)P)u)wi.Bons)j)NB)j)N2O)Eg)k)u)N<

cause that they're fighting for, and then they won't roll.' That's what I told Barry."

According to Greschner, AB leaders also recognize the value of exploiting the gang's legendary image within the American skinhead movement to easily absorb skinhead crews throughout the country whenever a high-ranking member of a particular skinhead crew enters the prison system.

"This is what happens," he said. "The loudest ringing bell, as far as any white group out there goes, is the Aryan Brotherhood. They've all heard of us. They all want to be us. We're the brightest light shining. And, you know, we've

side prison, keeping us up to date on all the little white crews in the United States — all the little skinhead crews, the European Kindred, the LR's [Nazi Low Riders], the PENI [Public Enemy Number One], whatever.

"So what we do is, any time a member of one of these white crews comes in here [the federal prison system], if they're one of their main guys, or just someone we see has the potential and the talent to step up and be with us, we pull him [recruit him to join the AB]. And through pulling him, we run his entire group out there, and usually that group has other affiliations, so we run them now. That's mergers and acquisitions. Takeovers, but not even hostile takeovers, because all the skinheads, all these white gangster crews, they all want to be down with us anyhow."

Joining the 'Brand'

For Greschner, joining the AB was a natural progression in a life of crime that began when he was still just a boy growing up in Minnesota. "Pops was on the road all the time, driving 18-wheelers, Mom wasn't there a lot, so next thing you know, I had a little street gang going back in the '50s," he said. "We had our leather jackets all with zippers and our engineering boots and greaser hairdos and our little gravity knives."

Greschner was first incarcerated at the age of 16 for "robberies and shootings and conspiracy stuff." When he joined the AB in 1977, he was a 25-year-old career criminal with a string of violent felony convictions, then serving federal

assault. Greschner at the time was also charged with the attempted murder of a police officer he shot during a gun battle the previous year, following his escape from a state prison in Minnesota.

At a federal prisoner transfer facility in Terre Haute, Ind., that convicts call "The Hut," Greschner met AB co-founder Barry Mills, who, like Greschner, was awaiting transfer to a federal penitentiary in Atlanta. Heavily muscled with long blond hair, Mills had a bad eye from a knife fight with Mexican inmates in San Quentin and an Aryan Brotherhood tattoo on one arm that he burned off years later.

Mills knew of Greschner's escape and shootout with police officers, and of his reputation as a "good con," one that kept his mouth shut and backed up other good cons. "Barry came to me and said, 'You're like us. You're cut from the same cloth. You take care of your business. You've got good morals, good ethics, you're a good, stand-up dude, and you'd be an asset to our organization.'"

Greschner wasn't interested in joining a prison gang. But Mills described his vision for transforming the AB into a powerful crime syndicate. "He was talking about organizing the streets from inside the prisons. I was down."

It was a pivotal time in the history of the Aryan Brotherhood. Prior to 1977, the gang operated solely within the California state prison system. But as Mills and other AB higher ups had entered the federal prison system in recent years they had come to see the federal system as fertile ground.

"What happened was these guys would

Meaning that one brother can walk into any joint [federal prison] and take it over. Any joint. Because the leaders of the other crews in there know that one brother has the entire Brand [AB] behind him. So if they kill that one brother, sooner or later he'll reach from the grave through us to get his revenge.”

Into the Streets

As federal AB members were paroled or served their full

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The killer rang the doorbell. Tom Clements, 58, head of Colorado's prison system was shot dead as he opened his front door shortly before 9 P.M. on March 19 in a well-to-do neighborhood near Colorado Springs. He was a husband and father of two, who spent his career in public service overseeing prisons and advocating for their reform in Missouri, and since 2011, Colorado.

The authorities didn't have much to go on that night as the massive manhunt began. No motive. No suspect. What they did have was a devastated widow and a vague that

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the uniform and pizza box to allay
Clements' suspicions when he rang the
prison chief's front doorbell.

Two weeks or so after the shootout
in Texas, police in Colorado picked up
two ex-cons who belonged to the 211
Crew for questioning. Authorities said
the men had [REDACTED]

Extremist Prison Gangs Spill Into Mainstream

The violence, drug trafficking, racketeering and other criminal acts committed by members of white supremacist prison gangs are not confined by prison walls. While these gangs are nothing new, their activities have in recent years spilled into the free world with greater frequency.

NOVEMBER 1997 During a wave of racist Skinhead violence in Denver, a police officer and a West African immigrant were murdered by yto with great (violence) were

on federal marshals and bailiffs, employing head butts, kicks and spitting.

MARCH 2004 Neal Beckman, 36, a NLR member, shot a police sergeant four times at a Ukiah, Calif., Wal-Mart, then stabbed a store security guard. The guard, who survived, killed Beckman moments later. Beckman was reportedly angry four

from custody while at a hospital in Youngstown, Ohio. Fitzmorris then robbed two banks and took a hostage at a local business before a standoff with law enforcement officers. At his sentencing in 2009, he cursed the judge, turned over a table and threatened to kill the first corrections officer he got a hold of.

MAY 2007 PEN1 members Jacob Rump and Michael Lamb went on trial in Santa Ana, Calif., for the murder of PEN1 co-founder Scott "Scottish" Miller in 2002. The two were also accused of attempting to murder a police officer during a car chase three days after they allegedly killed Miller.

JUNE 2007 The last of 12 members of the Nazi Low Riders named in a wide-ranging 2002 indictment pleaded guilty in Los Angeles to racketeering charges. The original indictment charged gang members with orchestrating crimes including murder, robbery, drug trafficking, extortion and witness retaliation.

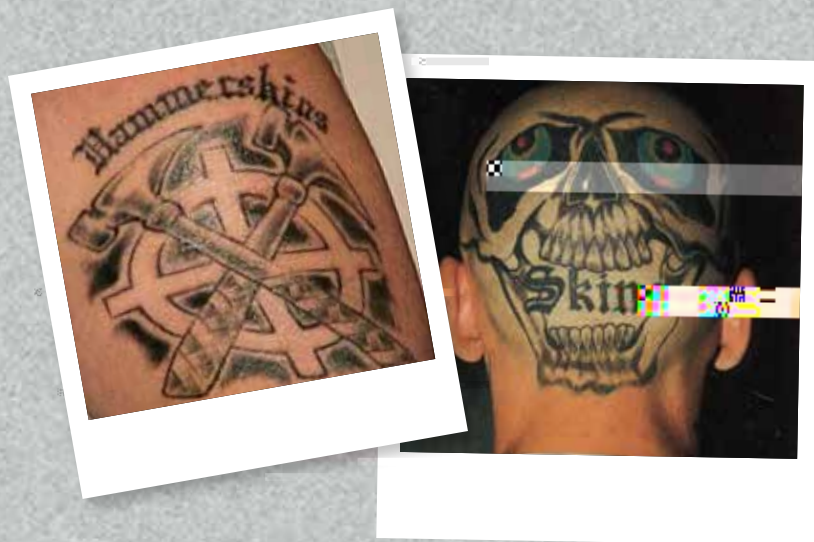
JUNE 2007 Nineteen members or associates of the Aryan Brotherhood were indicted on racketeering charges. They allegedly used murder, kidnapping and other violence to build up the AB in New Mexico. Twelve of the defendants were accused of recruiting an undercover police officer to murder Otero County Sheriff's Deputy Billy Anders, who had fatally shot an AB member to death in 2004 after the man shot and killed Otero County Deputy Sheriff Robert Hedman.

JULY 2007 Federal prosecutors in Las Vegas indicted 14 members of the Aryan Warriors, considered one of the most violent and active chapters of the Aryan Brotherhood in the United States. The group was indicted for racketeering charges, including murder, kidnapping, drug trafficking, extortion and witness retaliation.

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