



## **MULTI-AGENCY GANG UNIT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

# ***Dixie Homes Gang Members Indicted on Drug Conspiracy Charges***

MEMPHIS, TN – June 18, 2015 – Four members of the Dixie Homes Murda Gang/47 Neighborhood Crips have been indicted on drug-trafficking charges, an operation allegedly directed by one member even while he was behind bars, Shelby County Dist. Atty. Gen. Amy Weirich said Thursday.

A fifth person indicted is the mother of one of the gang members and is alleged to have received and sold about three pounds of marijuana.

The Dixie Homes Murda Gang/47 Neighborhood Crips (DHMG/47 NHC) is a violent street gang that set up a stronghold in the Dixie Homes area north of the Medical Center.

Last October a court injunction declared the gang a public nuisance and banned members from associating in public within the defined Safety Zone where identified gang members cannot congregate.

The indictments say four members of the gang were engaged in a conspiracy to possess with intent to sell more than 13 pounds of marijuana within 1,000 feet of J.W. Williams Elementary School.

Named in the indictments are Steve Nelson, 32, a gang leader who allegedly directed the narcotics trafficking organization while incarcerated at 201 Poplar; admitted gang member David Freeman, 20, and James Hall, 36, another alleged leader of the gang. Nelson was arrested twice in the DHMG/47 NHC safety zone for violation of the public nuisance and gang injunction.

All are in custody on bonds of \$100,000 each.

Also indicted is Freeman's mother, Tonasha Liggins, 36, who allegedly received and then sold three pounds of marijuana. She is free on \$55,000 bond. Liggins is not alleged to be a gang member.

Anthony Jackson, 28, who is alleged to be one of the gang's top members, is also charged with drug trafficking.

The indictments follow an MGU investigation between Feb. 7, 2014, and June of this year into narcotics-trafficking by the DHMG/47 NHC in the Safety Zone bounded by I-240 on the east, Jackson Avenue on the north, North Danny Thomas on the west and Poplar Avenue to the south. The area encompasses less than a square mile.

The petition declares the gang a public nuisance and bans its members from congregating in public, even if only in pairs. They can be arrested on the spot for violating terms of the injunction.

Many gang members, including some who are incarcerated, have been convicted of or face charges of first-degree murder, attempted murder, aggravated robbery, especially aggravated kidnapping, felon in possession of a firearm, aggravated robbery, aggravated assault and drug trafficking.

MGU officers served court papers on identified leaders of the gang and have posted the documents in three locations within the Safety Zone. The injunction offers gang members a procedure to leave the gang if they choose.

In the immediate vicinity of the Safety Zone are several children's health care and medical facilities, an elementary school and a lodging facility for families with children who are receiving treatment.

The Multi-Agency Gang Unit (MGU) was formed in 2012 in the Western District of Tennessee.

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