

## **The Crimson Tide Organised Crime Syndicate**

This information is a current overview of the Crimson Tide Organised Crime Syndicate (CT OCS) including their activities, associations and the level of threat they present to the Bristol community.

The Crimson Tide Organised Crime Syndicate are an international organisation with several chapters around the world. Including Norway, Germany, South Africa, Portugal and the United States of America (USA).

Like many organised criminal groups, the Crimson Tide Organised Crime Syndicate have a strong predisposition toward violence and are involved in various criminal activities, primarily relating to drug distribution.

Two Crimson Tide Syndicates are currently operating within your regional area, one in the maritime city of Bristol, and the second, to the south of the country, in Plymouth. They are estimated to have a total of 56 'relatives' and associates within the two chapters.

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CRIM-INTEL Report 20200202-CT

#### **Crimson Tide Organised Crime Syndicate – Family Homes**

The CT-OCS have two known chapters in the UK, a Bristol chapter and a Plymouth chapter. Family homes are located at: 10 Grove Ave, Coombe Dingle, Bristol BS9 2RN UK, and 19 Henley Grove, Henleaze, Bristol UK.

Entity Location/ s

Google Maps

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**Properties Owned by Crimson Fruit Co.**

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Both properties are owned by the Crimson Fruit Co, a UK Registered company who are reported to import exotic fruits from Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The Crimson Fruit Co, who also own land at Lot 77 on Plan 3587A, in Crackington Haven a coastal village in Cornwall, England, United Kingdom. The property was bought at auction on 21 Nov 2009.

Crackington Haven is in the civil parish of St Gennys at grid reference SX140972 at the head of a cove on the Atlantic coast. The village is seven miles south-southwest of Bude and four miles north-northeast of Boscastle.

Information suggests the property in Crackington Haven has no fixed buildings or established abode but is used approximately once a month by the owners who bring their trailers, caravans and motorcycles onto the property for the weekend.

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#### **Information on Crimson Tide OCS Structure and President**

The Crimson Tide Family are believed to be an established criminal group based on close loyalty, and family ties. They operate in a similar way as Italian Mafia trusting those in the family, and requiring participants to prove themselves before they're accepted. Their structure includes a 'Padre' and 'Teacher' (believed to be a second-in-command) at each chapter. The padre is believed to be the spokesperson, with the group who makes decisions as a whole. The padre provides direction and the teacher is responsible for instilling discipline and ensuring the direction is carried out. Bristol Chapter Padre is Morgan Peter TEATER-SMITH. Teater-Smith is believed to have been made the Padre of the Bristol family after the death of Justin MADDON in 2015.

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**Information on Crimson Tide OCS Structure and President**

Bristol chapter Teacher: Samuel MOXLEY 23/AUG/1982

Accountant: Luke SHAPIERO 30/JAN/1977

Plymouth Chapter Padre: Joel S GREENWELL 19/JUN/1983

Teacher: UNK – Goes by the nick-name 'PARIS'

Accountant: André FULLBRIGHT.

As of JUL/2019, the Crimson Tide OCS are believed to comprise 56 relatives.

## **Crimson Tide Organised Crime Syndicate**

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### **Information on Crimson Tide OCS Structure and President**

#### Entity Details Assessment

The hierarchy of the CT-OCS is thought to be consistent with traditional mafia hierarchies. Details of the groups' constitution and operating functions remains an intelligence gap.

The CT-OCS are an international organisation and numerous chapters around the globe; including Norway, Germany, South Africa and the USA. Our Intelligence suggests the CT-OCS first established in the UK in the early 1970s and like many criminal groups of the 1980s and 1990s, the CT-OCS are believed to have built up their membership and through drug distribution (typically methamphetamine and cannabis) and extortion. The CT-OCS appear to have 'legitimised' their business over the years, attaining interests in many businesses and investments throughout the UK and overseas. Some of the business are believed to be used to launder proceeds from continuing illegal activities.

#### Feuds and Violent Incidents

Expansion from rival syndicates from Asia and the Middle East initially appeared to push the Crimson Tide 'family' out of their traditional territory, with the establishment of a Middle East Organised Crime Syndicate establishing itself in Bristol in 2014. The death of significant leaders were initially attributed to members of the CT-OCS, however this could never be confirmed. As of 2017 reporting again suggested the CT-OCS was in-control of the importing in the Bristol, and had prominent links to unknown groups in London.

High ranking members of a rival syndicate known as the 'Go Boys' have allegedly reported they intend to 'destroy' the Crimson Tide Family. Information received also alleges that Go Boys are attempting to recruit more members in the Bristol area.

Local police believe this may increase the potential for conflict between the two groups. With intelligence suggesting CT-OCS members have developed a predisposition towards violence. It is highly likely that there is a significant amount of under-reporting of threatening behaviour and assaults due to intimidation of complainants and witnesses.

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Historically, the CT-OCS are believed to be responsible for the assassination of former Police Detective Susan MURDOCH 05/JAN/1947 in 2009. Crimson Tide members appear to have a particularly close association with the Slayer Family, with CT-OCS members seen in attendance at business and properties linked to the Slayer Family. The CT-OCS also appear to have an association with the Death Skippers, a local motorcycle gang. We believe this association is likely to be more criminal in nature and born of a mutual interest in illicit activity. Death Skippers are believed to have established distribution networks in Bristol and London.

Recent intelligence indicates that the Death Skippers, are currently in dispute with the Go Boys due to a spate of incidents which occurred over the 2017 Christmas period. It is indicated that CT-OCS members are at risk from Go Boys in prison and may be stabbed or beaten.

#### Drug Distribution

Numerous intelligence reports identified since SEP/2016 continue to link the Crimson Tide members and their associates with drug distribution, in particular large amounts of cannabis or methylamphetamine. Current intelligence suggests that the Crimson Tide OCS alter their drug distribution methodology in order to avoid detection by law enforcement, with various members holding the main shipment at regional locations and using 'cut-out' or 'go-betweens' for their distribution. Other unconfirmed reporting suggests CT-OCS members will routinely use different criminal groups for distribution. This responsibility is entrusted to only a small group of senior members.

Information received in JUL/2018 alleged that CT senior members Nevil COBBLESTONE 17/DEC/1976 and Vladimir VIKOREV (22/JAN/1999) (now deceased) were the two main suppliers of drugs in the Crimson Tide at the time. VIKOREV was allegedly associated with Mark HUMPHRIES 20/MAR/1962, who was believed to have been VIKOREV's offshore drug supplier. Recent operations have included the targeting of Crimson Tide associates, including; Kelly MEERS 26/SEP/1988 and her partner Curtis MOORSPEAR 20/MAR/1976. MOORSPEAR is currently serving a three year prison sentence for his involvement in the distribution of large quantities of methylamphetamine and MDMA in London night clubs (Met Police Operation SURELINE).

#### Recruitment Methods

Recent intelligence suggests that the Crimson Tide OCS are setting up a "feeder group" called "Bristol Boys" who will sure up distribution in local nightclubs. Senior CT-OCS member, Billy ROBUCK 26/FEB/1980 is in charge of overseeing the establishment of the Bristol Boys until members implement a more structured membership.

As of NOV/2019, there were approximately eleven members of the Bristol Boys. Bristol Boys are known to operate on the 'south-side' and believed to have their own clubhouse somewhere in Long Ashton, UK. Uncorroborated intelligence alleges that the Bristol Boys are currently recruiting 'runners'.

It's difficult to become a family member of the Crimson Tide OCS, and the initiation ceremony involves committing criminal acts to prove ones loyalty. The Bristol Boys are also considering employing this type of initiation to limit the ability of police infiltration.

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REPORT NUMBER: DS2015 OPERATION ALPHA-MIKE

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Reference: OP-BH6 (Serial: 20200122#67)

Title: Overseas Travel for Crimson Tide Criminals

Source: Information provided by source with intimate knowledge of the Bristol Members of the Crimson Tide Crime Family.

**Narrative:** Information was received Sat, 25 Jan 2020

- (1) In December last year members of the Crimson Tide family travelled internationally for a holiday.
- (2) The Bristol Padre flew initially to Spain (Valencia), then to Morocco (Marrakesh).

Source Comment: I think they said they were sourcing fruit and vegetables.

End Source Reporting.