

# ***NUESTRA FAMILIA TIMELINE***



*Nuestra Familia*

**October 28, 1940**

Robert Joseph "Death row" Gonzales is born in Oxnard, California.

**February 20, 1945**

Robert "Babo" Rios Sosa born.

**March 28, 1951**

Michael "Mikeo" E. Castillo born.

## 1965

A.-Familia gang forms in Soledad prison. Founders of the group were Lil John "de Valley," Haero Morgan "de Clanton," Freddy Gonzales " de San Diego," Sammy "de New Mexico" and Chalo "de Bakersfield." The gangs initial guidelines were written by Lil John and Chalo. Lil John assumed the role of group Padre and Chalo served as his right hand under the title of Mijo.

### July 30, 1965

B.-Jess Ontiveros is murdered during a robbery outside of the Tiajuna Cafe in Oxnard, California. Gang leader Robert Joseph Gonzales (24), Bobby Joe Barkley (14), David (15) and Daniel Alacron (19) are arrested and charged with murder.

### November 11, 1965

C.-Robert Joseph Gonzales (25) is convicted of murder in the first degree.

### November 28, 1965

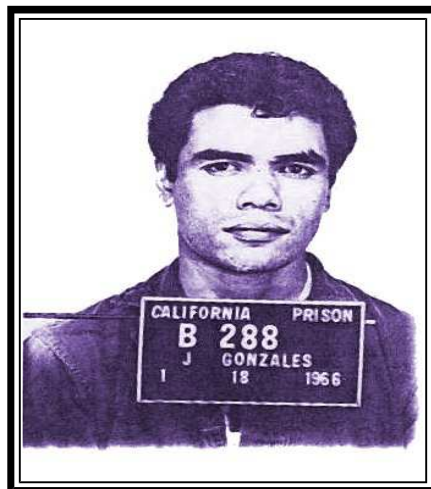
C.-A jury recommends Robert Joseph Gonzales (25) be put to death for the robbery and murder of Jess Ontiveros.

### January 11, 1966

A.-Robert Joseph Gonzales is sentenced to death by the administration of lethal gas.

### January 18, 1966

B.-Gonzales is received at San Quentin.



Robert Joseph Gonzales

## 1967

A.-Familia founders are shipped off to San Quentin where the southern California based Mexican mafia holds sway.

B.-Familia Padre Lil John is paroled. Family members vote Chalo in as the new Padre, Freddy Gonzales takes his place as Mijo.

C.-On appeal the death sentence of Joe Gonzales is overturned. Gonzales continues to serve a 5 year to life sentence related to the robbery charge.

## 1968

A.-Phillip Neri a friend of Familia Padre Chalo is murdered by the Mexican Mafia in San Quentin.

B.-Sonny Pena a gang member from northern California is murdered by the Mexican Mafia at San Quentin.

## September 15, 1968

Hector Padilla a northern California gang member is attacked by Mexican mafia leader Robert "Robot" Salas in a dispute over a stolen pair of shoes. Padilla is severely wounded in the attack. Later in the day a menito from Marvilla is also hit by Eme members.

## September 16, 1968

In conjunction with the El Paso tip, Familia launches an attack on Eme members just before the last lockup of the day. The violence which was launched in the south block of section A at 2:30, left 7 inmates wounded and 1 Eme soldier dead.

## 1971

Freddy Gonzales one of the founders of La Familia dies of a heroin overdose. Gonzales was the last of the founding members still involved with the gang.

## 1972

Robert Rios "Babo" Sosa (Supreme commander) and Death Row Joe Gonzales (1st lieutenant) reorganize La Familia renaming the group Nuestra Familia using a paramilitary structure. Gonzales authors the groups constitution and acts as the gangs security director.

### February 3, 1972

Nuestra Familia member Fred Charles Castillo "de Stockton" is transfered to Chino from Folsom after several run-ins with Eme members.

### April 21, 1972

Aryan Brotherhood members Fred Steve Mendrin and Donald Ray Hale murder Nuestra Familia member Fred Charles Castillo. The murder reportedly seals a pact between the Aryan Brotherhood and La Eme.

### December 12, 1972

Nuestra Familia members Santos and Gilbert Arenda are stabbed by Eme members.

### December 17, 1972

Nuestra Familia members murder Eme leader Rudy "Chyenne" Cadena in Palm Hall at Chino. Cadena is stabbed 70 times before his body was hurled from the third tier to the main floor of the maximum security unit. The murder was committed in retaliation for the attacks on the Arenda brothers.

## 1973

Nuestra familia establishes a prescence on the streets of Fresno, California. Gang investigators take note for the first time gang related graffiti with the symbol F-14 "a reference to Nuestra Familia's first sub-group." Fresno's four major varrios Eastside, Parkside, Sunset and Pinedale unite to form the nucleus of F-14 members doing Nuestra's bidding.

### June 11, 1973

Jess Valenzuela returned to Palm Hall as a parole violator.

## 1974

Jess Valenzuela 29 year old Nuestra familia member from Oxnard is stabbed to death in the maximum security wing of Palm Hall at Chino prison.

## 1976

A.-Active Nuestra Familia regiment found to control the (CYA) facility at Preston.

B.-Nuestra Familia's first street regiment organized in Fresno. The regiment begins taxing pimps, prostitutes and drug dealers. The proceeds are put into a central "bank" fund to be used for support of incarcerated gang members.

C.-Nuestra Familia establishes regiments in Salinas, Bakersfield, San Jose, Stockton, Visalia and various parts of San Bernardino county.

## October 1976

15 year old Carlos "Casper" Silva a Preston parolee is arrested murders 3 people within a seven week span on behalf of Nuestra familia.

## October 10, 1976

Joe Gonzales orders the murder of familiaro Richard Hernandez for failing to carry out orders. Rudy Del Real and Rudolfo Quilon complete the order.

## December 12, 1976

Mexican mafia associate Alejandro Moreno is stabbed to death at a Salinas work camp by Nuestra hitmen.

## December 31, 1976

The body of Gloria Rice is found in a Salinas alley. Rice "who was stabbed 94 times by familia soldiers Ernie Castro and Jesse Gomez," witnessed the murder of her husband by a Nuestra familia soldier in a Salinas bar.

## **March 27, 1977**

Fabio Garza a Nuestra Familia soldier is murdered for stealing money belonging to the gang and using heroin.

## **September 24, 1977**

Death Row Joe Gonzales's order to murder of Nuestra soldier Eddie Serna for cooperating with authorities is passed on by Lieutenant Richard Din Castro to Robert Flores and Robert "Brown Bob" Viramontes. Flores and Viramontes strangle and hang Serna in his cell at the Salinas county jail.

## **December 1977**

A.-John Joseph "Mousey" Hernandez "command captain" and Robert Prado Rocha "squad leader" agree to testify against Nuestra familia leaders before a Monterey County Grand Jury. Ranked third in the organization, Hernandez is replaced by Art Beltran.

## **March 1978**

A.-Hernandez, Flores and Rocha testify before the Monterey County Grand Jury investigating Nuestra familia's activities in that area.

## **August 1978**

Nuestra 1st lieutenant Death Row Joe Gonzales requests a new defense attorney citing a conflict of interest in sharing an attorney with his co-defendants on multiple murder charges sparking rumors of plans to defect.

## **October 12, 1978**

Art Beltran becomes the second top ranked Nuestra commander to defect. Beltran enters a guilty plea on

two counts of second degree murder and one count of conspiracy to commit murder and receives immunity from future prosecution in a San Joaquin county court. Beltran exposes familia regiments previously unknown to law enforcement in San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and Sacramento.

## 1980

Robert "Black Bob" Vasquez pushes for the impeachment of Nuestra supreme commander Robert "Babo" Sosa for what he and his supporters call cowardice. Facing trial, Sosa had ordered familiano to scale back their level of violence in the face of intense federal pressure. The charges effectively create two hostile factions among familiano pitting Vasquez against Sosa for control.

## January 1981

A.-Robert Rios Sosa is indicted on racketeering charges which include 8 murders. A Sosa supporter is murdered by members of the Vasquez faction at DVI near Tracey.

B.-57 year old Raymond F. Johns an associate of Nuestra Familia is questioned in the strangulation death of his 32 year old wife Maureen Rettig.

## January 1982

Death Row Joe Gonzales is convicted of federal racketeering charges and sentenced to 20 years. He was also convicted of three counts of murder in Monterey county and pled guilty to three of nine murders in San Joaquin County.

## January 19 ,1982

25 members of Nuestra Familia are named in a Racketeering indictment. The indicted members were Robert Rios Sosa, Joe Gonzales, Art Beltran, Arturo Serrato, Kenneth Cassie, Raymond Castaneda, Jose Cobos, Raymond Contreras, James Cozad, Anselmo Eddie Dominquez, Alfredo Elizalde, Robert Flores, Reynaldo Garcia Jr., David Hernandez, Phillip Lopez, Guadalupe Ramirez, Ruben Seja, Daniel Serrano, William R. Soto, Sammy Henegas, Ruben Garnica, Manuel Montelongo, Eddie Vindiola, Cesar Gutierrez and Alfredo Guerro.

## 1983

A.-Robert "Black Bob" Vasquez emerges as the dominant figure in Nuestra familia. Robert "Babo" Sosa is convicted and sentenced to 20 years in federal prison in addition to being impeached as Nuestra's

supreme commander. Vasquez also removes Sosa's top lieutenants Larry Saldivar and Snake Guheen.

B.-Vasquez scraps la familia's paramilitary setup. In its place he sets up La Tabla also known as the MESA and OGB (Organizational Governing Body). Under the new structure, Vasquez established three categories separating members by rank and experience. Category I- consisted of new recruits and members returning to the fold who had not cooperated with law enforcement. Members who chose to remain with Sosa were grouped in this category. Category II- Experienced members who's duties entailed schooling category I members in survival tactics. Category III- The management level.

## July 1989

Raymond F. Johns is arrested for the death of Nancy Johnson. Johnson was beaten and strangled in her Mountain View mobile home.

## 1990

Joseph "Pinky" Hernandez, Pablo "Panther" Pena and Louie "Dumptruck" Chavez devise a "hit" list comprised of (NF) hermits and enemies to be eliminated after Chavez is released on parole. The names of Tony "Little Weasel" Herrera, James "Jocko" Esparza and Carlos Mejia are among the condemned.

## April 19, 1990

Louie "Dumptruck" Chavez is paroled from Tehachapi State Prison to San Jose with orders from (NF) Generals Vincent "Chente" Arroyo and Joseph "Pinky" Hernandez to re-establish the San Jose regiment. Chavez is appointed temporary (RSD) of the San Jose regiment with orders to report his progress and activities to Hernandez weekly by kite at Tehachapi.

## May 27, 1990

Ronald " Lucky" Shelton is paroled to San Jose with orders to assume command of the San Jose regiment.

## July 4, 1990

Carlos "Weasel" Mejias is stabbed outside of a San Jose liquor store in retaliation for ordering the death of a Nuestra Familia member. Lorenzo "Lencho" Guzman and Victor "Sleepy" Esquibel are identified as the suspects. Guzman and Esquibel mistakenly report that Mejias has been murdered to familiano Roland Saldivar.

## August 13, 1990

William "Indio" Agundez slips out of his waist chains and beats a fellow inmate at the San Jose county jail. The attack is believed to have been issued by imprisoned Nuestra leaders.

## September 1990

Nuestra Familia meeting is held at the home of Lisa Quevas at the request of Andrew "Mad Dog" Cervantes (RSD) of the Stockton regiment. Cervantes demotes Louie "Dumptruck" Chavez to second in command of the San Jose regiment and names Ronald "Lucky" Shelton San Jose's new (RSD) Regional Security Director.

## September 17, 1990

Bobby "Silent" Lopez is paroled and becomes active within the San Jose regiment.

## October 22, 1990

familiano William "Indio" Agundez gives a formal statement on Nuestra familia's activities in San Jose to Inspector Sandra Williams. In retaliation later the same day, an inmate slashes the throat of Agundez's brother at San Quentin.

## November 17, 1990

(NF) meeting is held which was attended by Ronald Shelton, Bobby Lopez and James "Huero" Trujeque. After San Jose drug dealer John Blanco accuses Tony Herrera of being an informant Ronald Shelton issues a green light but states he will handle the assignment personally to set an example as (RSD). Sheldon "Skip" Villanueva (NF) lieutenant agrees to assist Shelton with the hit.

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## **November 20, 1990**

San Jose drug dealer Tony "Little Weasel" Herrera is shot 8 times in the head and left in the middle of Wooster Avenue. Herrera had provided information to police which led to the arrest of familiano leader Sheldon "Skip" Villanueva the day before his murder.

## **December 1990**

A.-Bobby "Silent" Lopez is promoted to the post of (SD) Security Director of the San Jose regiment. Lopez notifies Louie Chavez that his status is on freeze until he brings the organization a body.

B.-Robert "Fat cow" Jasso comments "Fuck Lucky, I know Lucky killed Tony at the funeral of Tony Herrera. The comments are taken by Shelton as a show of disrespect for his position on the streets of San Jose and (NF). Shelton orders the murder of Jasso as a lesson to others.

## **March 15, 1991**

Lorenzo "Lencho" Guzman and Victor "Sleeper" Esquibel are convicted in the stabbing of Nuestra hermit Carlos "Weasel" Mejias on July 4.

## **March 23, 1991**

Fresno Bulldog gang leader Gabriel Coronado suffers a slash to his throat in an attack by familiano Leonel Jose Cano in the Santa Clara county jail. The event leads to Coronado's defection from the F-14 fold.

## **April 1991**

(NF) members further discuss plans to murder Robert Jasso. Bobby "Silent" Lopez, Jason Vasquez and Robert Rios search for Jasso without success.

## **April 15, 1991**

Larry Valles an aspiring boxer is murdered by Ronald "Lucky" Shelton and Bobby "Silent" Lopez after refusing their demand for 25% of the proceeds of his narcotics transactions. Shelton shoots Valles between the eyes

## May 1991

Bobby Lopez is arrested for violating the terms of his parole. While imprisoned Lopez names Jerry "Cripple" Salazar San Jose regiment head of security the second highest regimental position.

## June 1991

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## July 1991

A.-Bobby Lopez authorizes the murder of Alphonso "Huero" Urango for disrespecting (NF). Urango held two guns belonging to (NF) which he proposed to trade for two grams of PCP. Lopez took offense to the proposal and issued the green light.

B.-Ronald "Lucky" Shelton is arrested [early July] and appoints Jerry "Cripple" Salazar acting (RSD).

C.-Herminio "Spankio" Serna is paroled [mid July] receives Lopez blessing and takes over as San Jose's (RSD), Jerry Salazar resumes his normal spot as (HoS) Head of Security.

## July 22, 1991

Familiano Daniel Ray Mendoza (Salinas) is shot and killed after lunging for a baliff's gun during his arraignment on charges of armed robbery, burglary and possession of stolen property.

## July 24, 1991

Herminio Serna shoots Esteban Guzman during a drug ripoff. Guzman angered regimental leaders by selling his narcotics at a cheaper price than (NF) set street price in San Jose.

## July 25, 1991

Louie "Dumptruck" Chavez gives copies of the "hit" list copied while he was in prison along with a (NF) membership list to his parole officer E.J. Allen.

## July 28, 1991

Martin and Hermino "Spankio" Serna shoot Martin Bacos to death at Santee Elementary School in San Jose.

## August 1991

Ronald Shelton begins plotting the murder of Louie "Dumptruck" Chavez.

## August 26, 1991

(NF) meeting held at Anthony Guzman's apartment, the murders of Bobby Lopez's girlfriend Sheila Apodaca and Ray Perez are discussed. Apodaca was suspected of providing information to the police and had been carrying on an affair with Ray Perez.

## August 27, 1991

Guzman and Shelton are arrested, Shelton relays a message to Bobby Lopez to continue with the plan to kill Apodaca and Ray "Chocolate" Perez.

## August 28, 1991

Sheila Apodaca the girlfriend of familiar leader Bobby "Silent" Lopez is murdered after she threatens to expose his role in San Jose's familia connected murders.

## August 29, 1991

Salazar meets with James Trujeque and Mendoza to finalize the plot to kill Perez. Ray "Chocolate" Perez is shot to death on the order of Ronald "Lucky" Shelton.

## September 1991

A.-"Smiley" Joe Ramirez tells Louie Chavez that he (Chavez) is on the (NF) hit list.

B.-Santos "Bad boy" Burnias phones Jerry Salazar in Utah to return to San Jose to assist with the Jasso murder.

C.-Santos Burnias and Joey Gonzalez shoot Robert Jasso in the head. Jasso survives the attack and Burnias later admits to Skip Villanueva that he was the triggerman in the attack.

## October 21, 1991

Louie "Dumptruck" Chavez agrees to testify against members of Nuestra familia.

## November 29, 1991

Drugs and prison made weapons are discovered on the fourth floor of the Santa Clara county jail where several members of Nuestra familia are housed.

## June 1, 1992

21 Nuestra Familia members are indicted by the Santa Clara grand jury in connection with the gangs San Jose regiments activities. The indicted were Vincent "Chente" Arroyo, Santos "Bad Boy" Burnias, Leonel "Leo" Cano, Andrew "Mad dog" Cervantes, Anthony "Chico" Guzman, Joseph "Pinky" Hernandez, Timothy "Timo" Hernandez, Bobby "Silent" Lopez, Alice Perez Lomelin, Carlos "Gusano" Mendoza, Irene Nieto, Raul "Roy" Reveles, Jerry "Cripple" Salazar, Herminio "Spankio" Serna, Martin Serna, Ronald "Lucky" Shelton, Carmen Trinidad, James "Huevo" Trujeque, Eddie "Flaco" Vargas, Sheldon "Skip" Villanueva and Celeste Williams.

## September 27, 1993

Paul Farfan is ambushed during a familia organized robbery and murdered. Farfan's body was found in Watson Park in San Jose. Northern Structure leader Adam Caris and Louis Oliverez Jr., are accused of carrying out the crime.

## December 15, 1993

Ronald "Lucky" Shelton, Jerry "Cripple" Salazar the top two figures in the San Jose regiment admit ordering 6 murders in San Jose in exchange for a deal which would remove the death penalty as a possible punishment for them. The two immediately are taken into protective custody by federal authorities.

## May 14, 1994

Familiano Joseph Anthony Meza is shot to death for failing to pay for narcotics he was given by higher ranking Nuestra members.

## May 31, 1994

Adam Caris is released from San Quentin inadvertently hours before he is indicted for the murder of Paul Farfan in 1993.

## June 2, 1994

8 Nuestra Familia members and associates are indicted in a second wave of pressure on the gangs San Jose regiment. Vincent "Chente" Arroyo, Carlos Mendoza, Deborah Mendoza, Louis Oliverez Jr., Guadalupe Mary Segura and Jeanette Alarcon.

## February 23, 1995

Familiano Javier Zubiata and Rafael Ampier Jr., enter not guilty pleas in the robbery murder of Joseph Littlewolf Lincoln in Santa Rosa on February 10.

## November 2, 1995

Familiano Javier Zubiata is sentenced to serve 19 years to life for the murder of Joseph Lincoln during a botched robbery.

## **March 28, 1996**

1992 Nuestra Familia trial gets underway 4 years after the initial indictment was handed down.

## **March 30, 1996**

Racketeering indictment handed down against the Stockton regiment. George Albert Quinones Stockton (HoS) pleads guilty to conspiracy to distribute narcotics. Dionycio T. Gerolaga Sr., Stockton (RSD) also pleads guilty to conducting a criminal enterprise.

## **June 1996**

Familia trial is postponed after Vincent "Chente" Arroyo agrees to plead guilty to robbery charges. Arroyo "a member of la Mesa," agrees to testify on behalf of the prosecution in exchange for a 25 year term with parole eligibility after 17 years.

## **January 12, 1997**

The 1992 Nuestra familia trial restarts. Only 4 of the original 21 indicted in the case remain.

## **July 14, 1997**

Nuestra Familia case ends in conviction for Bobby "Silent" Lopez, James "Huero" Trujeque, Hermino "Spankio" Serna and Eddie "Pajaro" Vargas.

## **August 15, 1997**

Familiano Eddie "Pajaro" Vargas is sentenced to 60 years in prison.

## **September 13, 1997**

James "Huero" Trujeque and Hermino "Spankio" Serna are sentenced to death ending the 1992 Nuestra Familia trial. The final tally places the cost of the trial at \$10 million.

## **October 8, 1997**

Albert "Beto" Guillen, Edward "Roach" Aroche and William "Dreamer" Fernandez are sentenced to life in prison without parole for multiple murders committed on behalf of Nuestra Familia's San Jose regiment.

## **November 14, 1997**

Bobby "Silent" Lopez second in command of the San Jose regiment is sentenced to death for ordering three murders.

## **April 15, 1998**

Stockton regiment lieutenant Andrew Fred Cervantes "Mad dog" and Nuestra Raza member David Marquez are indicted on charges of racketeering, conspiracy to commit murder, drug trafficking and robbery.

## **August 19, 1998**

Deathrow Joe Gonzales former Nuestra Familia first lieutenant is denied parole.

## **August 19, 1998**

Michael "Mikeo" Castillo Nuestra familia lieutenant and Salinas regiment commander aligned with Matt Rocha is murdered by Rico "Smiley" Garcia and Ceasar "Lobo" Ramirez.

## **October 27, 1998**

Familiano Cesar "Lobo" Ramirez is shot by gunmen loyal to imprisoned Nuestra leader Matt Rocha. The shooting is in retaliation for the murder of Mikeo Castillo.

## **October 30, 1998**

Salinas police disrupt an attempt by Garcia's crew to murder Nuestra general Hector "Copas" Gallegos.

## **November 1, 1998**

Garcia crew members Gabriel Gutierrez, Paul Salcido, Humberto Estrada and Jimmy Guevara shoot Geronimo Garza and Maria Lopez in retaliation for the attack on Rico Garcia.

## **November 10, 1998**

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## **April 20, 1999**

Nuestra general Robert "Brown Bob" Viramontes is gunned down in front of his home in Campbell. Viramontes murder was sanctioned by Regiment commander Gerald Rubalcaba and Mesa member Tex Hernandez. Santos "Bad Boy" Burnias, David "Dreamer" Escamila, Antonio "Chuco" Guillen and Albert "Beto" Avila comprise the hit team.

## **May 14, 1999**

Albert "Beto" Avila is shot and killed for failing to properly dispose of the auto used in the Viramontes murder. Rudy "Night owl" Moreno is the prime suspect in the murder.

## **October 28, 1999**

Rudy Moreno, Santos Burnias, David Escamila and Antonio Guillen are charged with the murder of Albert Avila.

## **November 25, 1999**

Pietro Garcia familiano San Leandro security director is charged with the murder of ousted familiano

Joseph Meza. Meza's murder was ordered for stealing narcotics belonging to Nuestra familia.

## **February 1, 2000**

Hector "Copas" Gallegos waves indictment by a federal grand jury and pled guilty to conspiracy to murder Fred Perez, Rman Herrera, David Mendoza and an individual known only as Jose. A second guilty plea was entered in the case of Gallegos and 500 grams of methamphetamine and heroin.

## **May 2000**

(NF) senior lieutenant Daniel "Lizard" Hernandez is paroled to the Santa Barbara area.

## **June 2000**

Hernandez is arrested for violating the terms and conditions of his parole and returned to Corcoran State Prison.

## **November 9, 2000**

Carlos "Charlie Brown" Alcalá of Salinas pleads guilty to conspiracy to distribute 500 grams of meth and heroin.

## **December 2000**

Daniel Hernandez is paroled from Corcoran and begins co-operating with the FBI.

## **January 2001**

Daniel "Lizard" Hernandez is indicted on racketeering and murder charges.

## **January 5, 2001**

Daniel "Lizard" Hernandez sends a kite to Joseph "Pinky" Hernandez requesting his assistance in

obtaining permission to act as the sole controller of the San Jose area. Hernandez is unhappy that Matt Rocha is exerting a bit of control on San Jose's streets.

## **January 15,2001**

Daniel "Lizard" Hernandez demands 25% of the profits from a counter-feitting operation run by (NF) associate Jeff Allen.

## **January 16,2001**

(NF) Familiano Robert "Chico" Rose informs Daniel Hernandez that he thinks he has been put on freeze for bad mouthing Jimmy "Wino" Sieraoski. Hernandez and Rose organize a meeting which plans for re-organizing the San Jose regiment are announced. Plans are also made to establish regiments in Visalia and Stockton.

## **January 19,2001**

Daniel Hernandez meets with Jimmy Sieraoski's mother and tells her to route all mail through him..

## **January 20,2001**

Daniel Hernandez sends a red line to several imprisoned (NF) leaders recommending the impeachment of (NF) General Gerald "Cuete" Rubalcaba and lieutenant Sheldon Villanueva. The red line also called for (NF) lieutenant David Cervantes to be put on retirement status.

## **January 22,2001**

Daniel Hernandez attempts to alienate Henry Cervantes from imprisoned (NF) leader Gerald "Cuete" Rubalcaba by telling him falsely that Rubalcaba has deemed him (Cervantes) as being no good because he has betrayed the organization. He also states that (NF) leaders Sheldon "Skip" Villanueva and James "Conejo" Perez are under investigation. On order of his FBI handlers, Hernandez squashes rumors that Santos Burnias is co-operating with authorities. Hernandez labels Robert "Huerito" Gratton no good.

## **January 27,2001**

Daniel Hernandez writes red lines "on request of the FBI," to (NF) General Cornelio "Corny" Tristan, (SD) Daniel "Stork" Perez and General James "Tibbs" Morado stating that he is in charge of the street operations for (NF) and General Gerald "Cuete" Rubalcaba and Sheldon Villanueva are interfering with his control.

## **January 31,2001**

Daniel Hernandez instructs familiano Israel "Silent" Mendoza to keep him informed of every drug deal.

## **February 1, 2001**

Hernandez sends a red line informing General Gerald Rubalcaba that he has deposited \$3,000 in the (NF) bank and forwarded \$1,000 to Sieraoski's crew.

## **February 3, 2001**

Santa Rosa familiano Robert "Wolfie" Haas asks Daniel Hernandez to check out Jason Bachmeier before he makes him a member of his Wolfpack crew.

## **February 7, 2001**

A.-Jimmy Sieraoski sends Hernandez a kite ordering all communication with Robert Rose to cease. Hernandez decides to ignore the order along with several others.

B.-Daniel Hernandez instructs Israel Mendoza what prices to charge for narcotics.

## **February 14, 2001**

A.-Southside Stockstone gang members Jose Azua and Eric Espinoza receive 7 years in prison for selling drugs. Samuel Zapata was sentenced to 5 years in prison.

B.-Daniel Hernandez instructs familiano Ramiro "Goose" Garcia to cut ties with San Jose regiment (SD) Antonio "Chuco" Guillen.

## **February 19, 2001**

Daniel Hernandez sends Corny Tristan a red line complaining about Jimmy "Travieso" Morales. Hernandez makes accusations of betrayal against Morales which could have led to their death and or banishment from (NF). Hernandez reiterates his desire to have Rubalcaba and Villanueva impeached for interfering with his authority on the street. Hernandez goes on to accuse James "Conejo" Perez of not earning his authority within the gang. Copies of the red line were sent to Sieraoski at Corcoran State Prison and Joseph "Pinky" Hernandez at Pelican Bay.

## **March 7, 2001**

Hector "Copas" Gallegos author of the 14 bonds becomes the latest victim of the governments onslaught against Nuestra familia when he is sentenced to serve a term of 20 years in federal custody and 10 years supervised conduct. Carlos Alcala is sentenced to 130 months in federal custody.

## **March 9, 2001**

Daniel Hernandez instructs familiaro Ramiro Garcia to eliminate Mark "Caja" Rodriguez if he continues to be an obstacle. Hernandez suggests to Alberto Larez that Jaime "Smokey" Rodriguez and Paul "Powder" Killinger would be good choices for (RSD) and (HoS) of the Salinas regiment.

## **March 11, 2001**

(NF) regimental commanders hold a junta where Hernandez falsely states that Sheldon Villanueva and General James "Tibbs Morado are under investigation and James "Blackie" Enriquez is on freeze.

## **March 22, 2001**

Daniel Hernandez instructs Robert Rose the he (Rose) is under the (GOP)General of prisons and therefore anserws to the command of Hernandez. Against the wishes of Sieraoski, Hernandez names Rose (RSD) of the San Jose regiment.

## **March 28, 2001**

Joseph "Pinky" Hernandes in a red line to Daniel "Lizard" Hernandes refused to acknowledge as the (NF) street commander and orders him to continue reporting to Jimmy "Wino" Sieraoski at Corcoran and Sieraoski's regiment commander Jose "Huerito" Gonzalez. Lizard Hernandes is warned about sticking his chest out and doing unnecessary things.

## March 30, 2001

Rico Garcia instructs Albert Larez to assist his defense investigators to obtain a list of witnesses against (NF). Larez informs Daniel Hernandez of his cooperation and is told that he shouldn't listen to Garcia who has no authority as he is in jail.

## April 5, 2001

Larez is arrested along with Jaime "Smokey" Rodriquez and Paul "Powder" Killinger.

## April 12, 2001

A.-Nuestra familiano Robert "Wolfie" Haas is arrested and charged with a parole violation.

B.-Israel "Silent" Mendoza is arrested, Hernandez names Anthony "Chino" Morales Visalia regiment (RSD). Sylvester "Silvio" Gomez is named regiment (HoS). Both are ordered to report to Hernandez twice daily.

## April 17, 2001

Robert "Bubba" Hanrahan is paroled with a letter from James "Conejo" Perez placing Hanrahan incharge of the Salinas regiment displacing Hernandez's choice Armando Heredia. Hernandez refuses to acknowledge the command and instructs Heredia to carry on as instructed. Hanrahan passes this information on to General Matt "Matteo" Rocha at Pelican Bay through his sister Sophie. For this act, Hernandez strips Hanrahan of his status within (NF).

## April 20, 2001

13 Nuestra Familia members are indicted on 25 counts of racketeering. Rico "Smiley" Garcia, Cesar "Lobo" Ramirez, David "Sir Dyno" Rocha, Cornelio Tristan, James Morado, Tex Hernandez, Gerald Rubalcaba, Sheldon Villanueva, Daniel Perez, Diana Vasquez, Henry Cervantes, Jacob Enriquez and Vidal Fabela are the principal figures.

## April 22, 2001

Hernandez instructs a group of familiano that he was removing Eric "Cobra" Martinez as the (RSD) in

Visalia with a figure to be named later. Hernandez continues to spread mis-information instructing the group to ignore any orders from imprisoned gang leaders including those from the (OGB). He also cuts ties with Sophie Rocha because she knows too much.

## **June 2001**

Ben "Huero" Chavez is paroled with a letter from James "Conejo" Perez and Sheldon "Skip" Villanueva with orders to place Hanrahan in charge of the Salinas regiment. Perez's order places familiano Raymond Sanchez in charge in Salinas further complicating the picture.

## **June 18, 2001**

A.-Nuestra familia members Christopher Carasco, Andres Perez, Gustavo Castenada, Jerry Patlin and Steven Pena were convicted of brutally beating a fellow inmate at the Santa Clara county jail.

B.-A new indictment charging 8 Nuestra familia members with racketeering is handed down in Sonoma county. Joseph Hernandez, Robert Rose, Israel Mendoza, Ramiro Garcia, Alberto Larez, Luis Aroche, Armando Heredia and Anthony Morales.

## **July 3, 2001**

Daniel Hernandez signs a government agreement which will save him from a life sentence. In turn Hernandez pleads guilty to one count of conspiracy to conduct a continuing criminal enterprise.

## **July 24, 2001**

Daniel Hernandez heads a (NF) meeting at which he tells the gathering that he is running the streets and Jimmy "Wino" Sieraoski had no authority until he is released later in the summer.

## **August 3, 2001**

A.-Nuestra familiano John Sloan is convicted of killing Francisco Gonzalez and the wounding of Francisco Duran.

## **March 8, 2002**

Federal prosecutors announce their intention to seek the death penalty against Rico "Smiley" Garcia.

## **October 28, 2002**

Defene attorney's for Armando Santa Cruz Heredia file a motion accusing Daniel "Lizard" Hernandez the governments cheif prosecution witness with committing crimes while under the FBI's protection. The motion asks for all charges in the case to be dropped because of improper conduct between the prosecution's key witness and his FBI handlers.

## **November 21, 2002**

Norteno gang member Jose Tizcareno is arrested in connection with a ring which specialized in robbing banks.

## **November 2, 2003**

11 of 21 indicted members of La Familia plead guilty to racketeering related charges (Operation Black Widow). The U.S. Attorney's office announces January 5, 2004 as the start date in the trial of Henry "Happy" Cervantes, David "Sir Dyno" Rocha and Albert "Bird" Larez. Those entering guilty pleas were Jacob "Blackie" Enriquez, Ceasar "Lobo" Ramirez, Sheldon "Skip" Villanueva '14 year sentence', Diana Vasquez, Luis "Roach" Aroche, Vidal "Spider" Fabelaz, Ramiro "Goose" Garcia, Armando "Suave" Heredia '20 years,' Israel "Silent" Mendoza '12 years 6 months,' Anthony "Chino" Morales '9 year sentence' and Robert "Chico" Rose '15 year sentence.'

## **December 4, 2003**

Armando "Suave" Heredia Santa Cruz one time street commander of the Salinas regiment is sentenced to 25 years to life after pleading guilty to weapons and drug conspiracy. His plea included ordering the murder of Salinas drug dealer Raymond Sanchez in May 2001.

## **September 27, 2004**

The final eight defendants in the Black Widow trial plead guilty Cornelio Tristan, 43, James Morado, 55, Joseph Hernandez, 54, Gerald Rubalcaba, 49, and Tex Hernandez, 49, Daniel Perez, 46, Alberto Larez, 34, and Henry Cervantes, 40, all pled guilty to RICO conspiracy involving drug trafficking.

## **August 1, 2005**

3 Nuestra Familia members assault a white prisoner with a tattoo showing his allegiance with the Mexican mafia.

## **August 8, 2005**

Nuestra Familia leaders order an attack on white inmates at San Quentin resulting in a brawl between the 70 inmates in north block.

## **September 1, 2005**

The life sentences for Nuestra Familia leaders Cornelio Tristan, 43, James Morado, 55, Joseph Hernandez, 54, Gerald Rubalcaba, 49, and Tex Hernandez, 49 are commuted by Chief Justice Ronald M. George as advised by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger so they may be released into federal custody.

## **April , 2007**

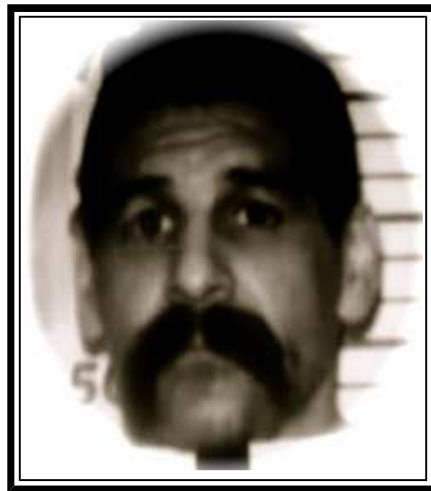
Robert Patrick "Bubba" Hanrahan former Salinas regiment leaders is sentenced to 13 years in state prison.

## **June 7, 2007**

A Federal indictment was announced naming several members of the Fresno, Bakersfield and Inland Empire regiments. Fidel Ramon Castro "Mouse; Vincent Rivera; Crystal Castro; Julia Quiroz; William Eugene Conelly all of Bakersfield. Juan Villalobos Arias and Maria Victoria Marquez Pulido both of Fontana were charged with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, cocaine, marijuana and ecstasy.

## July 10, 2007

The United States Attorney's office announces an indictment charging several members and associates of La Familia with racketeering and conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, cocaine, marijuana and ecstasy. Mario Diaz Jr., of Los Banos; Larry Sixto Amaro "Pacqui" of Hanford; Gerardo Lopez Mora of Salinas; Ernest Paul Killinger of Orangevale; Fernando Villapando of Moreno Valley; Jason Michael Stewart Hanson of Los Banos; Alvaro Cobian Gomez of Los Banos; Bismark Martin Ocampo of Petaluma; Benjamin Santos Castro of San Francisco; Marcos Anthony Gomez Jr., of San Francisco; Edward Fuentes of Merced; Richard Mendoza of Castroville; Ernesto Bravo Tejeda of Madera; Leo Torres of Dos Palos; David Perez Ramirez of Manteca; Faustino Gonzales of Salinas; Oscar Campos Padilla of Castroville; Jose Angel Villasenor of Fremont; Manuel Gauna of Salinas; Thurman Lee Maxwell of Warren, Ohio; Andrea Cadena of Los Banos; Manuel Somora Cadena of Salinas; Pedro Anthony Rios III of Salinas; Sophia Corella Sanchez of Marina; Valdemar Salazar Cambunga of Los Banos and Gabriel Caracheo of Salinas were named in the indictment.



David "DC" Cervantes


## February 23, 2008

The Nuestra Familia reorganizes its leadership structure under the command of David "DC" Cervantes. Cervantes issues a new constitution applying only to inmates residing in the state of California. A second set of directives pertain to the Nuestra Familia leaders who were transferred into the federal prison system in September 2005. The federal leadership is identified in a newly issued copy of the revised Nuestra constitution as an entity to be respected but holding no power nor authority over state system affairs. Cervantes leadership structure includes himself as the sole Nuestra General, Daniel "Stork" Perez (Salinas) and Anthony "Chuco" Guillen (San Jose) and George "Puppet" Franco (San



Jose) as captains. Jose "Huerito" Gonzalez and James "Conejo" Perez were broken down from leadership positions to common rank.

## August 12, 2008

Felix "Gato" Lopez an associate of the Nuestra Familia and an enforcer for the Northern Structure was convicted of second degree murder and four other felony counts resulting from an attack at the "Pushing Ink" tattoo parlor. The murder count stems from the death of Lopez's friend Michael Anthony Valles who was killed by their intended target. Authorities found Lopez acted as the shot-caller for the Nuestra Familia while awaiting trial in Modesto. Sentencing was set for September 23rd. 

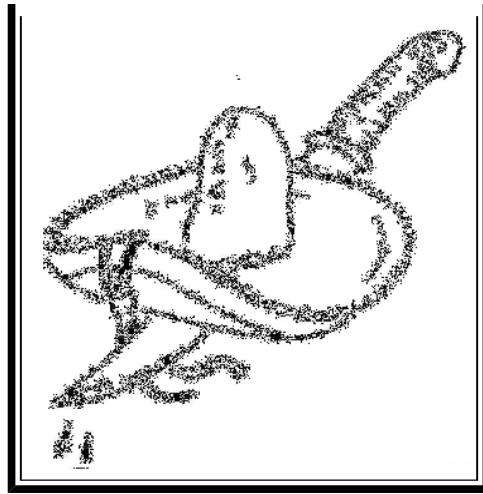
## May 19, 2009

Nuestra Familia Captain Oscar Casares is held in connection with Operation Money Train, the largest anti-gang effort ever on the Central Coast. The 11 month investigation netted 52 suspects and led to the recovery of 57 stolen vehicles in addition to the seizure of 29 firearms and a cache of drugs with an estimated worth of \$1.4 million.

## May 20, 2009

Nuestra Familia members Frank Alejandrez 43, and Robert Palomino 40, both of Fresno were arrested in connection with a methamphetamine operation by the Fresno Meth Task Force, state Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement and Department of Corrections investigative bureau.





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