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San Antonio Division

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(U//LES) Presence of Norteño Gang members in Hidalgo County, Texas

(U//LES) The FBI San Antonio Division has received reports from another Law Enforcement Agency indicating Norteño Gang members were active in Hidalgo County, Texas.

(U//LES) Norteño Gang leaders in Hidalgo County, Texas were Manuel Martinez, Jr., aka "El Guero," current leader of the Norteños in western Hidalgo County, Texas, and his brother, Anthony Martinez, aka "El Poli," a leader. Both brothers were involved in alien and drug smuggling activities. The Martinez brothers resided with their father, Manuel Martinez, Sr., a member of the Nuestra Familia prison gang from Northern California, in Mission, Texas. A third brother named Esteban Martinez is a member of the Paisa gang.

(U//LES) The Martinez brothers took control of the western part of Hidalgo County, Texas, from the Sureños, the Loco Treces, and the Paraiso gangs. The Norteños had a peace treaty with a local Mission, Texas gang called "El Cinco," but recently have been at war.

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(U//LES) Two additional members of the Norteños identified were Joel (LNU), aka "Trip," and Joe De La Fuente, aka "Stone." Trip and Stone were in charge of the Three Mile Line Road and Bentsen Palm Drive area in Mission, Texas.

(U//LES)) The FBI San Antonio Division observed an increase of Norteño graffiti in the cities of Hidalgo, Texas; Mission, Texas; and Peñitas, Texas.

(U//LES) According to the source, there was a presence of approximately 500 Norteño Gang members throughout Hidalgo County, Texas; however, the FBI cannot corroborate the number.

(U) This report has been prepared by the San Antonio Division of the FBI. Comments and queries may be addressed to the San Antonio Field Intelligence Group at 210-225-6741.

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