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NEWSPAPERS

## Graffiti from page 1A

found on hoods and windows of parked cars as well as garage doors and lamp posts on Robinwood, Lakespur and Kirby. The assailants used red and blue spray paint and markers.

Star of David, marijuana leaves and profanities were painted along with Latin Counts and other gang names. Department of Public Safety workers removed the markings from signs and sidewalks Saturday and Sunday.

Some residents of the usually placid neighborhood found the graffiti unsettling but are not worried.

"Slightly," said Robinwood resident Rosalyn Semperger, who was not a victim. "But there is a high visibility of police cars cruising the neighborhood. That gives me a sense of security."

"The neighbors stick together and talk if they hear anything," said Meadows. "The graffiti is somewhat different than in previous reports," Guss said.

"What we need to know is information," Guss said, "so we can find out who's involved in this so

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Gary Guss  
Farmington Public Safety director

we can intercede."

Police say they are taking the situation seriously. They're trying to nip the problem at the graffiti level.

There haven't been reports of gang-type crime such as assault and battery and robbery.

"And we don't want it," Guss said.

Guss said he's asking parents to look for clues to see if their children are involved.

Things such as the way they wear their hats, preference for a particular color of clothes and tattoos can reveal gang activity.

Also, those involved in gangs tend to become secretive and emotionally distance themselves from

parents, experts say.

The lure for kids is the perceived power, money and prestige, experts add. That, along with how gangs are depicted in the media, leads them to become infatuated with the image.

"You have the videos, you have the rap music. That's in their world . . . They're decent kids," Guss said.

"So they get involved in this," Guss said later. "They get in a group and decide to call themselves the Latin Counts. Then you have someone else on the other side of town calling themselves the Cobras."

"Now all of a sudden you have two rival factions."

## Sublease schemer nets jail

A man who subleased cars in Farmington Hills and then kept the money will spend a year in jail.

Charles Anthony, 46, who used several aliases, was sentenced to a year in jail by Circuit Judge Robert Anderson April 28 after pleading guilty to eight counts of embezzlement of more than \$100.

Farmington Hills police had raided Universal Automotive on Grand River Sept. 7, impounded 25 vehicles and arrested Anthony.

Anthony pleaded guilty to subleasing the vehicles for people and then pocketing all of the money.

In addition to a year in jail, Anderson ordered Anthony to make full restitution to the victims within 90 days, after which he will begin serving his sentence.

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