

EXAMPLES OF RECENT GRAFFITI TRACKER SUCCESSES

1. “SLOW”- Imperial Beach (Adult case.) An individual was caught writing the moniker “SLOW” on a sidewalk. In his car, deputies found numerous spray paint cans, markers and a notebook containing various graffiti drawings including the moniker “SLOW”. Through a review of Graffiti Tracker the subject was linked to about 218 incidents of graffiti in the area. Defendant was prosecuted and pled guilty with restitution ordered in the amount of \$87,018.10. This amount was paid by the subject to the City of Imperial Beach. Defendant was sentenced to 365 days in jail and five years probation.
2. “ERUER/ERUE”- San Marcos. (Adult case.) On routine patrol, deputies saw the subject creating a large “ERUE” tag - 10 feet by 5 feet high - under a bridge area. The subject was wearing a glove and had a backpack with numerous spray paint cans and a digital camera with additional graffiti evidence. Additional paint cans were found in his car. Through the use of Graffiti Tracker, numerous other locations were identified with the moniker ERUER or ERUE. Defendant was charged and pled guilty. Defendant stipulated to restitution of \$47,000. Defendant served 117 days of jail service and 30 days of public work service (trash removal).
3. “SIKE”- Vista. (Adult case.) The City of Vista noted 86 separate tags from this moniker, with the use of Graffiti Tracker, over a period of roughly 2 years. Investigation was focused on locating the individual using this moniker. Through various methods, he was identified and linked to numerous incidents. Defendant was prosecuted and pled guilty to felony vandalism. Restitution was ordered for \$37,451 and “SIKE” also was sentenced to 365 days in jail. Defendant was told by the Court to contact the City of Vista to attempt to work off restitution.
4. “BOSR”- Vista. (Adult case.) This moniker occurred repeatedly throughout the Vista area (at least 27 separate locations). These taggings sometimes covered areas the size of 10-20 feet. This significant amount of activity caught the attention of local law enforcement who took steps to determine BOSR’s identity. He was identified and linked to the 27 locations using Graffiti Tracker. Defendant was prosecuted and pled to 3 felony counts and restitution was ordered. \$13,040 in restitution is being sought (Probation is waiting for additional information from the City of San Marcos relating to restitution). Defendant received 270 days in jail.
5. “2SLO” / SOME”- Vista and San Marcos. (Juvenile case.) A search of an individual’s house revealed information linking him to monikers which had repeatedly appeared in the Vista/ San Marcos area. These monikers were linked to over 90 incidents through Graffiti Tracker. With the evidence obtained from the house and information from the subject, he was prosecuted

for 91 separate counts. He admitted to 5 felony vandalisms. Restitution was ordered to the City of Vista for \$33,000 and to the City of San Marcos for \$10,972.

6. "SOES" – San Marcos. (Juvenile case.) During a routine contact, the subject's car was searched and a notebook was found with the moniker "SOES". Through the use of Graffiti Tracker, this moniker was linked to 28 incidents of graffiti (which occurred in San Marcos, Vista and Escondido). The subject was prosecuted and admitted guilt. Restitution sought is approximately \$10,000. Sentencing is scheduled to occur in the next 30 days.
7. "PIDDY"- Escondido (Juvenile case.) Through Graffiti Tracker, officers were able to determine that this moniker was found in 83 different locations. They opened an investigation and identified the person responsible. He was prosecuted for 83 separate counts and admitted his guilt. Restitution was ordered for \$26,547.
8. "BUGS"- Escondido. (Juvenile case.) Someone tagged the "BUGS" moniker at Escondido High School. Through their investigation, officers located a suspect and after a records search, connected the suspect to the moniker. Through use of Graffiti Tracker, the suspect was linked to over 20 separate taggings. He was prosecuted and admitted guilt for two felony vandalisms. \$12,389 in restitution was ordered. The suspect has paid half that amount to the City of Escondido.
9. "MEEN" – Escondido. (Adult case.) Through a review of graffiti tracker, Escondido police noted that an individual with the moniker of "MEEN" was creating significant damage and on their "top ten" list. An investigation was opened. During a happenstance routine patrol stop by SDSO Deputies in San Marcos, a deputy photographed an individual's backpack that had the moniker "MEEN" written on it. SDSO passed the information on to Escondido PD who now focused on this person and located a large amount of additional evidence. He was prosecuted for felony vandalism with numerous cases set forth in graffiti tracker. He pled guilty and agreed to pay the City of Escondido \$27,000. His family paid the full amount. Defendant also performed 20 days of public service work. (trash removal)
10. "SLAY"- Escondido (Juvenile case.) Graffiti tracker showed that this individual was the most prolific tagger in Escondido in the 2007-2008 time frame. A search of this individual's house for a separate case revealed this moniker written throughout his bedroom. He was charged with 132 felony and misdemeanor counts of vandalism. He admitted guilt and was ordered to pay \$59,140.50 to the City of Escondido.