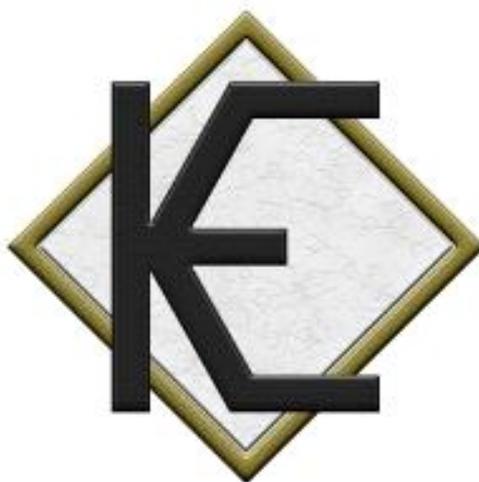


# *Tempo BAD organized crime within Seattle*

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## **GANG CRIME PRIORITY REPORT**

Preliminary analysis of the sudden rise in gang-related street crime registered by our patrols in the last 9 weeks indicates the situation is far more complex and widespread than can be attributed to the usual turf wars and shifting alliances. Conflict flashpoints, initially restricted to Redmond's Touristville, Tacoma's docklands, and Puyallup are expanding rapidly. Our informants and infiltrated assets all suggest that the situation is linked to the appearance of a new Bioengineered Awakened Drug on the scene—tempo, aka flipside (see report LSGD-767.03:10:71)—and expansion of distribution gang-based networks.

Intelligence Analysis Department has cross-referenced similar evolving situations in five other metropolitan areas under the new Lone Star contract, but no definitive intelligence on the source of the drug is currently available. The following report highlight the principals involved in the street-level tempo-dealing. Despite the issues and restrictions on actions outlined in LSGD-767.03:10:71, per recommendation of the Division Conf. 12.80, covert assets have been retasked and additional intelligence gathering efforts focusing on tempo distribution in the Metroplex have been initiated.

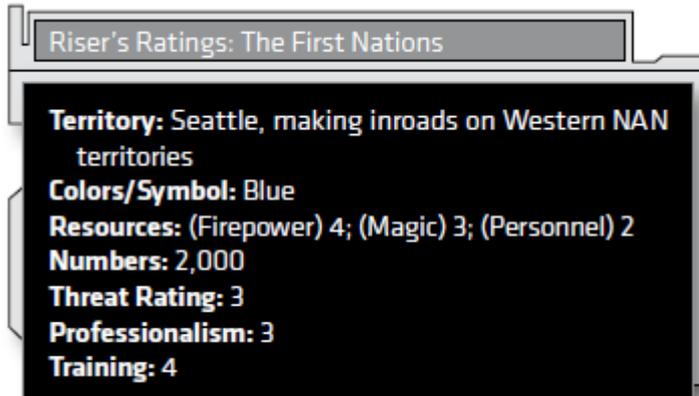
## **SITUATION ANALYSIS**

According to our sources, the emerging tempo market in Seattle is being managed by a handful of factions. All appear to be relatively small operators, a fact which suggests a third-party source and involvement in the distribution network—all indications are that tempo is not local. Identification of wholesale distributors has been prioritized accordingly.

The First Nations gang appears to be the primary supplier of the drug with more market segment-specific sales being generated by the Ragers and finally the Kumon'go Seoulpa Ring. All three present excellent opportunities for collusion, given their individual struggles. The question repeatedly surfaces is who's funding the operation? The growing curiosity of the larger syndicates makes the timing ideal for trying to reach an arrangement. Also notable are the signs of megacorporate interest in the drug. Intel-gathering efforts on the part of Horizon, Aztechnology, and local corporation Chemtrex have been detected.

Triads within Seattle (primarily Octagon) has been positioning themselves to engage in the tempo distribution. How this relates to the three major factions is still unclear, as evidence at this point only suggest a low to mid-level engagement primarily out of a Tacoma brothel/safehouse.

## First Nations



Analysis of multiple street sources points to this Native American gang as our primary source for the Seattle metropolitan area. All indications are that the group lacks the processing and refining resources for wide-scale production, which reaffirms our suspicions of third-party involvement. The gang is led by a Salish elf known as Blood-of-the Buffalo (Case ID:2344160) and recruits primarily from disenchanting Haida and Salish youths in the sprawl. The gang currently numbers circa 130 members, sharply inflated from last year's numbers after a recruitment drive earlier this year. Gang Crime has been tracking the gang's activities through an undercover operative planted last fall. Unfortunately, our agent has been so far been unable to infiltrate Blood-of-the-Buffalo's inner circle and information on the source of tempo seems carefully restricted to core members within the gang. The group appears to be motivated by a need to reestablish themselves as a formidable presence in the local gang scene, but the question of how they are funding tempo distribution remains (assuming they do not have hidden production facilities of some sort—IA suggests less than 10% chance). Originally based out of Everett, the First Nations has been actively attempting to reestablish themselves as a local power ever since they severed its ties with the Yakuza: Shotozumi-rengo.

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Recent expansion into Crimson Crush territory and the borderlands area in the Redmond Barrens (presumed attack on the Octagon), while initially thought to be linked to the gangs' association with the "Dogmen" smuggling outfit as well as their suspected transnational links to the Koshari, should now be reevaluated in light of tempo distribution and warehousing. The Redmond border region known as the Verge is an unpatrolled Z-Zone, ideal for such operations. Either the Dogmen and/or the Koshari would represent ideal partners for the trans-logistical backbone of the operation. First Nations is also suspected of providing outsourced protection for the Komun'go and several small-time smuggling operations, which may explain the Seoulpa Ring's connection.

Distribution seems to be currently expanding from Downtown and Everett clubs and the University campus area to street corner dealers and so called "fliphouses." This expansion and resulting turf clashes will only pick up speed as tempo becomes more popular (per IA's most recent prediction models.) Drive by shootings of the "fliphouses" has increased in numbers the last 2 weeks.

### **Ragers**

Type: Block Gang, thrill Gang  
Turf: Tacoma and Tacoma Docks  
Colours: Black, red and gray  
Members: Metahumans; Orks, a few Troll, Dwarfs and Changelings  
Size: small  
Activities: Protection rackets, smuggling, hunt humans, drug dealing  
Colors: Black and Gray Edit

An all metahuman gang with mostly orks with a few trolls and dwarfs in the mix. The Ragers got their name from the Night of Rage. The members pride themselves on keeping that memory alive even though only a few members who are old enough to remember that horrible night. They clashed with the Mafia for awhile back in the early 60s, but eventually had to face reality: either throw in with the mob or get wiped off the map. They don't like it, but they can't deny the fact that it's been a lucrative relationship for both sides. There are

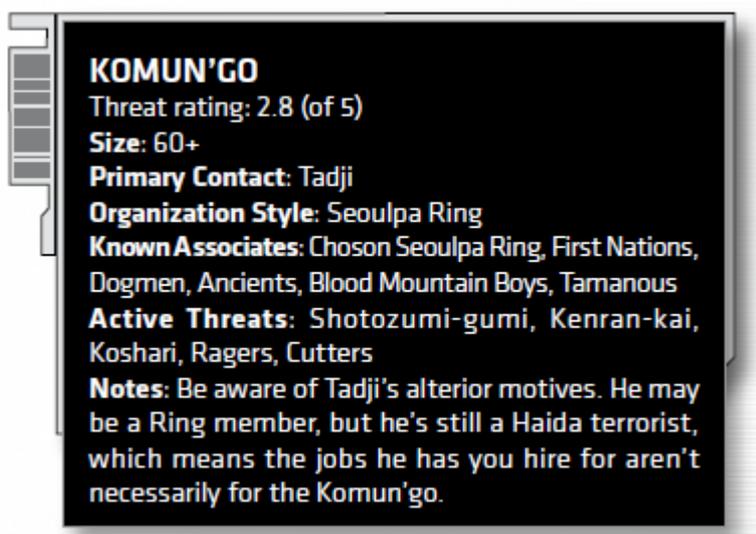
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rumors that the Vory have been sniffing around the gang looking for more influence in the dock area.

The have been operating out of the Tacoma Docklands since the early 60's and have been on Gang Crime's low-priority Threat list for almost as long, despite their penchant for violent crime. In recent months, the gang has established working relationships with the Gianelli family, and more recently, the Bilotkiy Vory—leading to an elevation in Threat index.

Currently all indications are that The Ragers' tempo operation is being funneled through a lieutenant calling himself Caine (Case ID:2800169), one of the handful of non-orks in the gang. Caine has a significant criminal record for his age, including one outstanding warrant on an arson charge. His exact whereabouts are unknown, but he appears to be operating his drug ring without the knowledge of his superiors or of either of the gang's syndicate allies. In fact, it appears Caine has gone to great lengths to hide the operation from the larger syndicates, even lying to higher-ups in the gang chain about where he gets the drugs, when they are coming in, and when they are being sold. On these few facts, we can presume that Caine is making a power play for leadership of the Ragers. We have been unable to identify Caine's source, but he is moving significantly less product than the First Nations dealers. His operation may, however, be easier to backtrack to source.

### Kumon'go Seoulpa Ring



**KOMUN'GO**  
Threat rating: 2.8 (of 5)  
**Size:** 60+  
**Primary Contact:** Tadji  
**Organization Style:** Seoulpa Ring  
**Known Associates:** Choson Seoulpa Ring, First Nations, Dogmen, Ancients, Blood Mountain Boys, Tamananous  
**Active Threats:** Shotozumi-gumi, Kenran-kai, Koshari, Ragers, Cutters  
**Notes:** Be aware of Tadji's ulterior motives. He may be a Ring member, but he's still a Haida terrorist, which means the jobs he has you hire for aren't necessarily for the Komun'go.

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Along with the Choson Ring, the is one of the surviving Seoulpa Rings after the most recent bout of Yakuza conflict. The Komun'go's past dealings with the Shotozumi-rengo have left them serious depleted and seeking support from all corners. They have allied, at least temporarily, with the Dogmen. This relationship sprang from a tribal association between the leaders of the two groups. The Dogmen aid the Kumon'go in most of their organ-legging, flesh trade, and pharma-trafficking into NAN territories—primary sources of income in recent years. Recent months power struggle has indicated that the Ring is expanding their power dramatically with new people and turf.

The Ring is currently led by Chulsoon Gray-Wolf (Case ID:293112) and a loyal cadre of augmented thugs known as "Stand Over Men". A handful of Ring members operating under the authority of lieutenant Kaz Yakamura (Case ID:2931162) have been moving the product in the corporate sector. However, on the streets there seems to be no indication this syndicate is selling tempo. The greatest point of interest here is that the leaders of the drug operations from gang to syndicate generally have not been faction leaders. Decentralized leadership, a staple of the corporate world, has never been an aspect of gang or syndicate culture. However, here we see yet another drug operation (Tempo) being completely run by an underling. This particular underling is known to the corporate world. According to our records, his father is most likely Hideo Yakamura, a Yakuza liaison to Mitsuhamma through the 50's. It was the discovery of Kaz, a bastard child by a Korean prostitute and a troll, that forced his father into retirement. Kaz was never recognized by the family or accepted into the family business. He is believed to have wandered the Ork Underground for years before surfacing as a member of the Kumon'go, gradually ascending the ranks. He is currently affiliated (lovers) with a human stripper called DAE. Kaz might be the missing link between the organization that brings in the drugs to the Seattle metroplex and The Ring, as he has closed ties to Ragers and First Nation affiliates. He has also been spotted on several occasions visiting especially First Nations club houses and hang around bars.

### **Triads**

The Chinese syndicates, known in North America as Tongs, have a history with drugs that traces back to the opium dens that flourished after the Opium Wars in the mid-1800s.

Because of this, one might think that they would be quite supportive of tempo and encourage or take part in its distribution. However, tempo is unwanted competition in their primary markets. Octagon on the other hand, it seems, views tempo as ideal to

redress the local balance of power and overturn the Yakuza market dominion within Seattle. They have played a role in destabilizing the ceasefire and partnership between Yakuza and First nations (case file ID: 2738dhj2:2367)

Though there is still a tendency toward tradition and feelings of territoriality in America, the Triads are more pragmatic and have embraced emergent technology. It's the Triads in Seattle (probably Octagon) that, inspired by their Yakuza counterparts, first combine BTL technologies particularly emotive enhancers or "moodies" with tempo use for designer experiences. Eager to compensate for losses in the initial tempo boom, the Octagon Triads is believed to try to cut a deal with main Tempo distributors to resell tempo at exclusive "tempo dens". This will happen because of the recent power vacuum, due to Yakuza and First nations splitting. The effort is being managed from the top tier of the organization but is probably handled from a day to day perspective out of a low-level brothel in Tacoma (Casefile#1213akl48&: White as Snow). The site is managed by 4-5 human individuals with close ties to Humanis Policlub (file: Pictures of location and

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**COMMON TRIAD RANKS**

Established Triads are generally led by a **Shan Chu** or Lodge Master. This person frequently has little to no contact with rank-and-file members. Instead, most Shan Chus lead a comparatively mundane existence as small business owners. The Shan Chu's connections with the Triad are ostensibly similar to someone who serves as head of a policlub. The title tends to be reserved for someone with many years of experience. It's considered ostentatious for someone establishing a new Triad to call himself a Shan Chu.

Under the Lodge Master is the **Fu Shan Chu**—the highest-ranking 438—who is the deputy Lodge Master. This person handles most of the day-to-day logistics for a Triad. While the Lodge Master establishes the big picture, his deputy is responsible for making things happen.

The **Heung Chu** (Incense Master) and the **Sin Fung** (Guardian) are the next ranking 438s, and are considered to be peers. The Incense Master is generally an initiated mage who follows a path similar to Wuxing. This person is responsible for seeing that the Triad's traditions are followed and that the ritual induction of new members happens according to the appropriate ceremonies. The Guardian assists the Incense Master in many ways, but also works in recruitment—especially in identifying new gangs that could provide future inductees.

The lowest-ranking 438s are the **Sheung Fa** (Double Flower). These are members who have shown exceptional promise or aptitude, or have given years of good service. The Double Flowers are most often sent out to establish new Triads. They rarely play an integral role in daily administrative work, and so a single individual might be a Sheung Fa in an established Triad while holding a higher rank in a younger one.

The **Hung Kwan**—Red Pole, or 426—is the military commander of a Triad. He or she coordinates the actions of multiple underling gangs when they need to work together against an external threat or to take advantage of a larger opportunity.

The **Pak Tsz Sin**—White Paper Fan, or 415—is the Triad's accountant. Aside from making sure that the books look clean, all Matrix activities fall under their jurisdiction. The importance of this position depends quite a bit upon whether or not the Triad is focused on Matrix crime.

The **Cho Hai**—Grass Sandal, or 432—is a middleman. To most gangers and many independent businesses, the Grass Sandal is the public face of the Triad. This job entails collecting and paying almost all of the bribes and grafts that keep the Triad profitable.

All the remaining members of a Triad are identified as **Sze Kau**, or 49. These are the enforcers, sworn to mystical oaths of loyalty. Some are newly promoted from street gangs, others are veterans hoping to advance within the Triad, and still others have little actual involvement in the Triad brotherhood—they serve as seemingly innocent supporters of the organization.

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individuals). Case officer Cory Monroosen has made an initial interrogation (Audio file: jkds3723291) and has recommended and planned a 24/7 matrix and personal surveillance of the premises (magic is still in the preplanning phase). Recruitment of assets working in White as snow and Humanis has also been initiated.