

Interstates I-68 and I-70

Homeland Security and Maryland State Police have issued the following warning to persons traveling I-68 & I-70 in Maryland.

Pass this on....

DO NOT FLASH HEADLIGHTS AT OTHER VEHICLES!
DO NOT STOP TO HELP BROKE DOWN VEHICLES!
DO NOT PICKUP HITCH HIKERS!

Homeland Security and Maryland State Police have issued the following warning to persons traveling I-68 & I-70 in Maryland.

This warning is being issued due to the knowledge that many blood members were ousted from Baltimore/DC area and are relocating to the Frederick, Hagerstown, Hancock and Cumberland areas to expand their "Domain".

Their intent is to have new bloods membership drives on Friday and Saturday nights, over the next several weeks, to establish their membership numbers in these areas and bring smaller gangs into their family.

Persons posing as Hitch Hikers and Stranded Motorist are the first step to this "initiation game". Reports are that they are using woman with children to pose and then steel the vehicle of the persons stopping to render aid. This is how they acquire vehicles for the second step of this initiation.

The second step of the initiation ritual is that they drive around in the stolen vehicle with no headlights on or with their high beam lights on. The first vehicle to "Courtesy Flash" them is now their target. They are required to chase and shoot at their target (You) as their final step. Individuals have been injured and killed in these types of initiation events in other areas recently.

Currently smaller gangs are moving into this bigger gang to form a more prevalent image. At this point there have been 4 events believed to be linked to this activity in Garrett and Alleghany Counties and more are expected in the Hagerstown and Frederick areas soon.

Anyone that believes that they have seen or are witnessing an event is urged to taken notice of the persons and vehicles involved and call 911 immediately. Maryland State Police has increased the number of Officers patrolling these areas in unmarked, unidentified, vehicles to attempt to limit the exposure to motorist. Persons are advised to not become involved in an event or "Take the law in their own hands". There are many of them and they do not work alone.

Please notify all your friends and family members and inform them about this notice. Any persons wanting additional information, please contact the office of:

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