

Organization Attributes Sheet: Los Cachiros

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A. When the organization was formed + brief history
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Los Cachiros is a drug distribution and transportation gang in Honduras. It is headed by Nelson Rivera and Javier Rivera.¹• The group receives large quantities of cocaine from the Sinaloa and Gulf organizations and transports the shipments from Honduras to Guatemala. Honduran prison gangs specializing in kidnapping support Los Cachiros.²• The group has high-level government connections including anti-Narcotics agency officials and the former senator and mayor of Trujillo.³
B. Types of illegal activities engaged in,
a. In general
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drug Distribution and Transportation.⁴
b. <i>Specific detail: types of illicit trafficking activities engaged in</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cocaine
C. Scope and Size
a. Estimated size of network and membership
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
b. Countries / regions group is known to have operated in. (i.e. the group's operating area)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honduras⁵<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colón• Gracias a Dios• Olancho
D. Leader Characteristics
a. Who is/are the leader(s) ⁶
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nelson Rivera• Javier Rivera
b. Leadership timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
c. Leadership style (autocratic, diffuse, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
E. Organizational Structure
a. Topology (cellular, hierarchical, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
b. Membership – is there formal or informal membership in the organization or network? What role do informal or nonmembers play in trafficking and other criminal activities?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.
c. Command and Control (decentralized or centralized)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.

Information derived from several sources and searchable databases.

All research conducted according to the project manual.

F. Resources

- a. Financial
 - Information not found.
- b. Human
 - Information not found.
- c. Logistical
 - i. Forgery, safe-houses, etc.
 - Information not found.
 - ii. Key routes
 - Atlantic corridor of Honduras and sea routes going from Colombia to the United States⁷
- d. Transportation
 - i. Land
 - Information not found.
 - ii. Sea
 - Information not found.
 - iii. Air
 - Information not found.
 - iv. Intermodal container
 - Information not found.

G. Trafficking Methods and Modalities

- a. Corruption
 - Information not found.
- b. Concealment
 - Information not found.
- c. Deception
 - Information not found.
- d. Circumvention (avoiding border entry points)
 - Information not found.

H. Prior / Existing Relationships

- a. Other criminal organizations (cooperative and conflictual)
 - Los Cachiros reportedly receive and transport large quantities of cocaine from the Honduran coast to Guatemala for the Sinaloa and Gulf DTOs.⁸
 - Reported connections to kidnapping gangs that are led by inmates at the National Penitentiary and San Pedro Sula prison.⁹
- b. Corrupt politicians, law enforcement , political parties and other state entities, etc.
 - Los Cachiros are rumored to have control of the police in Honduras. In July 2009, 10 elite members of the Anti-Narcotics Operation Group were arrested for attempting to transport 142 kilograms of cocaine in connection with the group.¹⁰
 - Potential connections within Congress.¹¹
 - Former Senator and Mayor of Trujillo Ramon Salgado Cuevas was reportedly the political contact of the Rivera brothers, and was used to pressure the president to name a Vice Minister of Security to their liking. He was later assassinated.¹²

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<p>c. <i>Specific detail: Any alliances / past dealings with terrorist groups.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None discovered
<p>I. Ideological / Ethnic / Familial Orientation (if any)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appears familial
<p>J. Technical Sophistication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unknown
<p>K. Penchant for Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unknown
<p>L. Activities in United States</p> <p>a. Includes both criminal and non-criminal activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found. <p>b. <i>Specific detail: trafficking activities ; logistical activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found. <p>c. Linkages with US groups</p> <p>i. Market/transaction links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found. <p>ii. Stable supplier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found. <p>iii. Franchise arrangement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found. <p>iv. HQ and Branch office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information not found.
<p>M. Evaluations</p> <p>a. Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The connections with multiple branches of the government at the local and state level allow the group to operate with impunity. Large organizations in Mexico support Los Cachiros while government officials in Honduras allow them to operate with ease. <p>b. Weaknesses and vulnerabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They do not appear to be a large group. Competition for their territory may be a problem. <p>c. Additional insights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is not much information on this group. The Rivera brothers are not currently in custody. It is difficult to know whether or not this organization is operating under the radar or not at a significant level.
<p>Other Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The gaps in the template reflect a lack of available information in the public domain.

¹ Dudley, Steven, “Drug Trafficking Organizations in Central America: Transportistas, Mexican Cartels and Maras”, *Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Mexico Institute*, May 2010, Pg. 8-9, <http://stevendudley.com/pdf/Wilson%20Center%20Central%20America%20Dudley%2005%2017%2010.pdf>, Date Accessed: 17 May 2011.

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² Dudley, Steven, "Insight: Zelaya and Organized Crime", *Insight: Organized Crime in Central America*, 12 December 2010, <http://www.insightcrime.org/criminal-groups/mexico/beltran-leyva-org/item/335-insight-zelaya-and-organized-crime>, Date Accessed: 17 May 2011.

³ Ibid

⁴ "Drug Trafficking Organizations in Central America: Transportistas, Mexican Cartels and Maras" at pg. 8-9

⁵ Ibid at pg. 9

⁶ Ibid at pg 8-9.

⁷ "Highlights: Northern Central America Press 11 Dec 07", *Open Source Center*, 11 December 07, OSC: LAP20071211026004, Date Accessed: 18 May 2011. (All following citations will be cited with the identification number: LAP20071211026004)

⁸ "Insight: Zelaya and Organized Crime"

⁹ LAP20071211026004.

¹⁰ "Drug Trafficking Organizations in Central America: Transportistas, Mexican Cartels and Maras" at pg 9-10

¹¹ Ibid

¹² "Insight: Zelaya and Organized Crime".