

Organization Attributes Sheet: Los Caradura

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| A. When the organization was formed + brief history |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Los Caradura controlled the drug distribution in El Gallito, Guatemala. The neighborhood is located in Zona 3. They also operate in Zona 7, in Bethania. This was due to police anti-gang operations in El Gallito.¹• The gang used taxis to transport cocaine around the areas of Guatemala under its control, including to brothels. They also used drug couriers to transport cocaine internationally.² An arrest of individuals connected with Los Caradura revealed the group was packaging cocaine to be ingested. The cocaine was destined for Spain or Germany.³ |
| B. Types of illegal activities engaged in, |
| a. In general |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drug distribution• Drug trafficking |
| b. <i>Specific detail: types of illicit trafficking activities engaged in</i> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cocaine trafficking⁴ |
| 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">• Guatemala |
| D. Leader Characteristics |
| a. Who is/are the leader(s) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As of 2006, the leaders of the group were Julio Jaime Dominguez Higueros and Francisco Edgar Dominguez Higueros.⁵ |
| 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 |
| F. Resources |
| a. Financial |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found |
| b. Human |

Information derived from several sources and searchable databases.
All research conducted according to the project manual.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group used drug couriers to transport cocaine via ingestion. This was especially for its international transportation.⁶ The group also used taxi drivers to negotiate drug deals at the brothels.⁷ |
| c. | Logistical |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forgery, safe-houses, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group used safe-houses to stash weapons and hide their vehicles. They reportedly use weapons such as AK-47s, Galils, AR-15s, and Uzis.⁸ It is also reported that one of their houses had a tunnel underneath to use for an escape route.⁹ |
| | ii. Key routes |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found |
| d. | Transportation |
| | i. Land |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The members used taxi drivers to transport cocaine around their zones.¹⁰ They also used sedans, motorcycles and pickup trucks to monitor deliveries and attack rivals.¹¹ |
| | ii. Sea |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found |
| | iii. Air |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found |
| | iv. Intermodal container |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found |
| G. Trafficking Methods and Modalities | |
| a. | Corruption |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There might have been some bribing of police officers.¹² |
| b. | Concealment |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found |
| c. | Deception |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found |
| d. | Circumvention (avoiding border entry points) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found |
| H. Prior / Existing Relationships | |
| a. | Other criminal organizations (cooperative and conflictual) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Had a feud with a gang called Los Shumos.¹³ Had a rivalry with the gang formerly run by Mario García Rodríguez (“Marioco”), now deceased.¹⁴ |
| b. | Corrupt politicians, law enforcement, political parties and other state entities, etc. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found |
| c. | <i>Specific detail: Any alliances / past dealings with terrorist groups.</i> |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found |
| I. Ideological / Ethnic / Familial Orientation (if any) | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found |
| J. Technical Sophistication | |

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- Information not found

K. Penchant for Innovation

- Built a tunnel to the ravine for an escape route¹⁵

L. Activities in United States

- a. Includes both criminal and non-criminal activities
 - Information not found
- b. *Specific detail: trafficking activities ; logistical activities*
 - Information not found
- c. Linkages with US groups
 - i. Market/transaction links
 - Information not found
 - ii. Stable supplier
 - Information not found
 - iii. Franchise arrangement
 - Information not found
 - iv. HQ and Branch office
 - Information not found

M. Evaluations

- a. Strengths
 - Unable to determine from available information.
- b. Weaknesses and vulnerabilities
 - Unable to determine from available information.
- c. Additional insights
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Other Notes

- There has not been much information on Los Caradura since late 2007. There is no word on whether it has been dismantled, joined up with another group or is still operating.

¹ "Highlights: Northern Central America Press 10 August 06", *Open Source Center*, 10 August 2006, OSC: V-20060810026003001, Date Accessed: 12 May 2011. (For future citations, source will be cited V-20060810026003001)

² "Highlights: Northern Central America Press 4-6 November 06", *Open Source Center*, 6 November 2006, OSC: V-LAP20061106026001001, Date Accessed: 12 May 2011. (For future citations, source will be cited V-LAP20061106026001001)

³ Ibid

⁴ Ibid

⁵ V-20060810026003001

⁶ JIATF, "South Weekly Counternarcotics Report 1-8 Sept 06", *Open Source Center*, 1-8 September 2006. OSC: FBS20060908746965. Date Accessed: 12 May 2011

⁷ V-LAP20061106026001001

⁸ V-LAP20060810026003001

⁹ V-20060810026003001

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¹⁰ V-LAP20061106026001001.

¹¹ V-20060810026003001

¹² V-20061106026001001

¹³ "Highlights: Northern Central America Press 29-Sept – 1 Oct 07", *Open Source Center*, 29 September – 1 October 2007. OSC: V-LAP20071001026002001, Date Accessed: 12 May 2011.

¹⁴ "Highlights: Northern Central America Press 10 August 06", *Open Source Center*, 10 August 06, OSC: LAP20060810026003. Date Accessed: 12 May 2011.

¹⁵ V-20060810026003001