

Organization Attributes Sheet: Pedro Goncalves da Silva Gang

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A. When the organization was formed + brief history <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This drug trafficking group led by Pedro Goncalves da Silva transported cocaine from Suriname to Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for the Red Command (CV).¹• Silva's operation was uncovered in 2006 when Brazilian narcotics agents stopped a vehicle transport truck that had 100 kilograms of cocaine hidden inside the fuel tanks.²• Gang avoids flying cocaine shipments to Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro due to Brazil's willingness to shoot down planes suspected of drug trafficking.
B. Types of illegal activities engaged in, <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. In general<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drug trafficking.b. <i>Specific detail: types of illicit trafficking activities engaged in</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cocaine is first flown from Colombia into Suriname. The group picks up cocaine shipments in Suriname and transports them by trucks along Brazilian highways to Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. Boats are also used as alternative method of transportation. From there, the shipments are given to the Red Command (CV) for distribution.³
C. Scope and Size <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Estimated size of network and membership<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not known but appears to be very small.b. Countries / regions group is known to have operated in. (i.e. the group's operating area)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suriname, Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.• Brazilian highways and rivers. The vehicle transport truck was stopped on the Anchieta Highway.
D. Leader Characteristics <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Who is/are the leader(s)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pedro Goncalves da Silva.b. Leadership timeline<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information not found.c. Leadership style (autocratic, diffuse, etc.)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hands on.
E. Organizational Structure <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Topology (cellular, hierarchical, etc.)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authorities identified Silva as directing the trafficking operation, but it was a very small organization so it seems unlikely that there was a formal hierarchy.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">• Silva is the leader and works directly with members of the gang so no significant command and control apparatus.
F. Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Financial<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transporting large quantities of cocaine is lucrative. Group was caught with a cocaine shipment valued at \$500,000.⁴

Information derived from several sources and searchable databases.

All research conducted according to the project manual.

b.	Human	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transporters.
c.	Logistical	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Forgery, safe-houses, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found Key routes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suriname to Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil by highways or rivers.
d.	Transportation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Land <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overland route along highways in Brazil. Sea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boats navigating to locations via Brazilian rivers. Air <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found Intermodal container <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hidden in fuel tanks.
G. Trafficking Methods and Modalities		
a.	Corruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found
b.	Concealment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cocaine hidden inside fuel tanks trucks. Trucks placed in vehicle transporter truck.
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"> Work with the Red Command, a drug gang located in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.⁵
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"> No connections have been determined.
I. Ideological / Ethnic / Familial Orientation (if any)		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found
J. Technical Sophistication		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drugs are hidden inside of fuel tanks.
K. Penchant for Innovation		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low – strategy is not new.
L. Activities in United States		
a.	Includes both criminal and non-criminal activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
b.	<i>Specific detail: trafficking activities ; logistical activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found
c.	Linkages with US groups	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Market/transaction links <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found

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ii. Stable supplier
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found
iii. Franchise arrangement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found
iv. HQ and Branch office
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found
M. Evaluations
a. Strengths
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group works with a steady buyer (Red Command).
b. Weaknesses and vulnerabilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of innovation in smuggling efforts.
c. Additional insights
<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Other Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very little information is known about the group other than the single incident in which Silva and two others in the gang were captured. Gang is likely defunct, but it is possible that other members picked up where Silva left off.

¹ "Narcotics Enforcement Police Seize 100 Kg of Cocaine in Sao Paulo," *Agencia Estado*, (Internet Version-WWW) in Portuguese, March 7, 2006, OSC: LAP20060307020003

² Agencia Estado.

³ Godoy, Marcelo. "Slaughter Act changes the route of cocaine." *O Estado de Sao Paulo* 8 Mar 2006: Web. <http://www.gtpos.org.br/index.asp?Fuseaction=Informacoes&ParentId=402>

⁴ Godoy.

⁵ Agencia Estado.