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Latin Kings: Friends

or Enemies?

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In 1996 Antonio “King Tone” Fernandez took control of New York City’s Latin Kings, one of its largest and most violent gangs. In poor neighborhoods, some people saw him as a working class hero leading the gang away from crime. The police saw him as a big time thug. As a result, much attention was given to inner-city gangs. As an internet blogger assigned to study the issue, your job is to decide: Are the Latin Kings friends of the neighborhood, public enemies, or both?