New Jersey State Commission of Investigation



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SCI PUBLIC HEARING:

JUVENILE GUN VIOLENCE AND NEIGHBORHOOD GANGS

TRENTON – The State Commission of Investigation will hold a public hearing this week on the emergence of chaotic, hyper-violent neighborhood street gangs in New Jersey, with a particular focus on proliferating gun violence at the hands of juveniles.

The hearing will be held <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>September 26</u> beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Committee Room 11 on the 4th floor of the Statehouse Annex.

Sworn testimony will be provided by a range of witnesses, including Commission investigators, law enforcement officials from multiple jurisdictions, juvenile advocates and others.

The hearing is part of a comprehensive ongoing SCI investigation into the changing nature of criminal activity across the State, and the difficult challenges posed by that activity to law enforcement, the courts and the juvenile justice system.

A live audio feed of the hearings will be available through the SCI's Web site at www.state.nj.us/sci/index.shtm.

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