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ORGANIZED CRIME HEARING:

**CRIMINAL STREET GANGS
AND NEW JERSEY'S PRISON
SYSTEM**

TRENTON – The State Commission of Investigation (SCI) will hold a public hearing next week on the impact of violent criminal street gangs on New Jersey's state correctional system.

The hearing will be held Tuesday, November 18 in Room 11 on the 4th floor of the Statehouse Annex. The session will commence at 9:30 a.m.

Testimony will be presented by a range of witnesses, including Commission investigators, gang inmates and law enforcement officials.

The hearing is part of a wide-ranging and unprecedented investigation under way by the SCI into the growth, proliferation and increasing sophistication of organized criminal gangs in New Jersey. The investigation is statewide in scope. Ultimately, the Commission intends to issue a comprehensive public report incorporating recommendations for legislative and administrative reforms.

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

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The State Commission of Investigation is an independent New Jersey watchdog agency established in 1968 to investigate organized crime and corruption, waste of tax money and other abuses of the public trust. Copies of the Commission's reports are available via its Website.