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Urban Legend

Gang initiation killings at Walmart unsubstantiated

For the past several days, rumors have been circulating throughout the United States with regard to alleged gang-initiation killings planned at local Walmart stores. These rumors, which have become widespread in San Diego County, are false.

Law enforcement agencies in several states have received numerous calls from concerned citizens about this particular legend. The Internet helps these falsehoods move with lightening speed and keeps them circulating for longer periods of time.

The San Diego Sheriff's Department has coordinated with other local law enforcement concerning this most recent legend and there is no intelligence to corroborate the accusation.

If this situation were to change, the San Diego County Sheriff's Department would take immediate steps with local, state and federal law enforcement partners to inform the community.

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