

'GANG INJUNCTIONS AND VIOLENT CRIME IN MERSEYSIDE: AN EXPLORATORY ANALYSIS'

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GANG INJUNCTIONS

- Introduced by the Policing and Crime Act 2009.
- Individual is involved in or has encouraged gang related violence.
- Gang injunction is necessary to prevent such activity or protect the individual from harm.
- Restricts movement, association and other ordinarily legal activities.
- Breach of the injunction carries a maximum sentence of 2 years

PREVIOUS RESEARCH

- Research indicates that gang membership is consistently and significantly related to offending. (Pyrooz et al 2016)
- Limited previous research into the effectiveness of gang injunctions.
- Anecdotal reports would suggest an effective measure, however contrasting results in research.
- Therefore difficult to assess whether or not they offer any form of deterrence or encouragement in terms of desistence from crime.
- This research sought to offer a greater degree of insight into how gang injunctions affect gang affiliated offending.

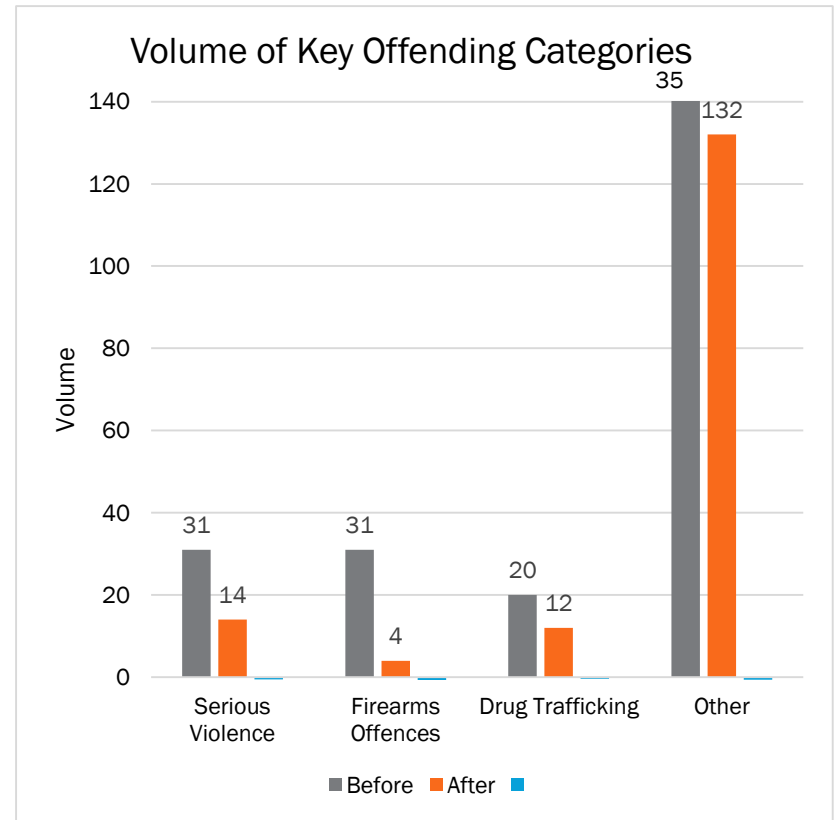
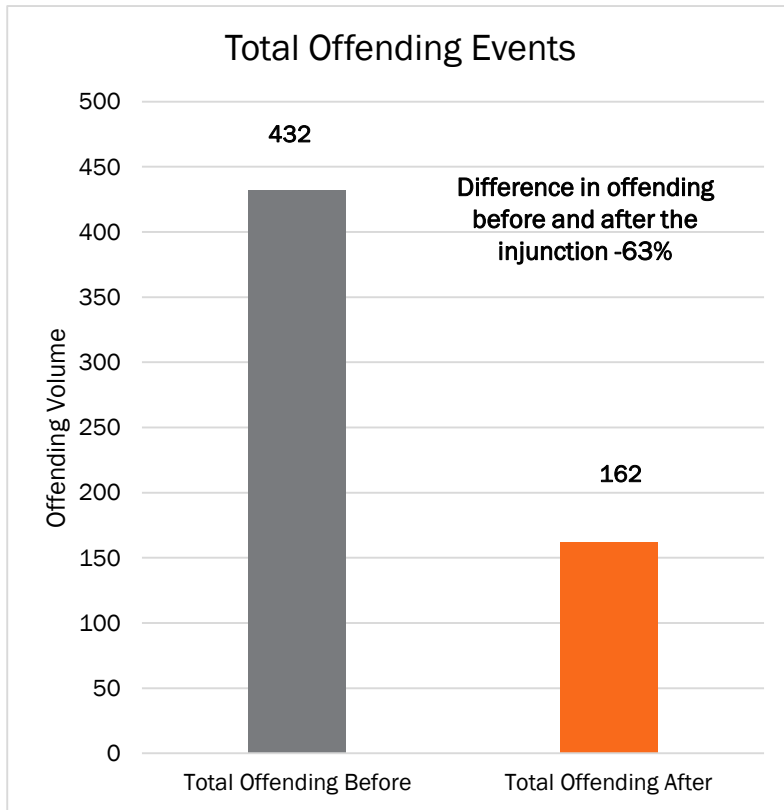
RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- Difference in offending volume before and after the issuance of a gang injunction.
- Difference in associated harm before and after the issuance of a gang injunction.
- Difference in levels of victimisation before and after the issuance of a gang injunction.

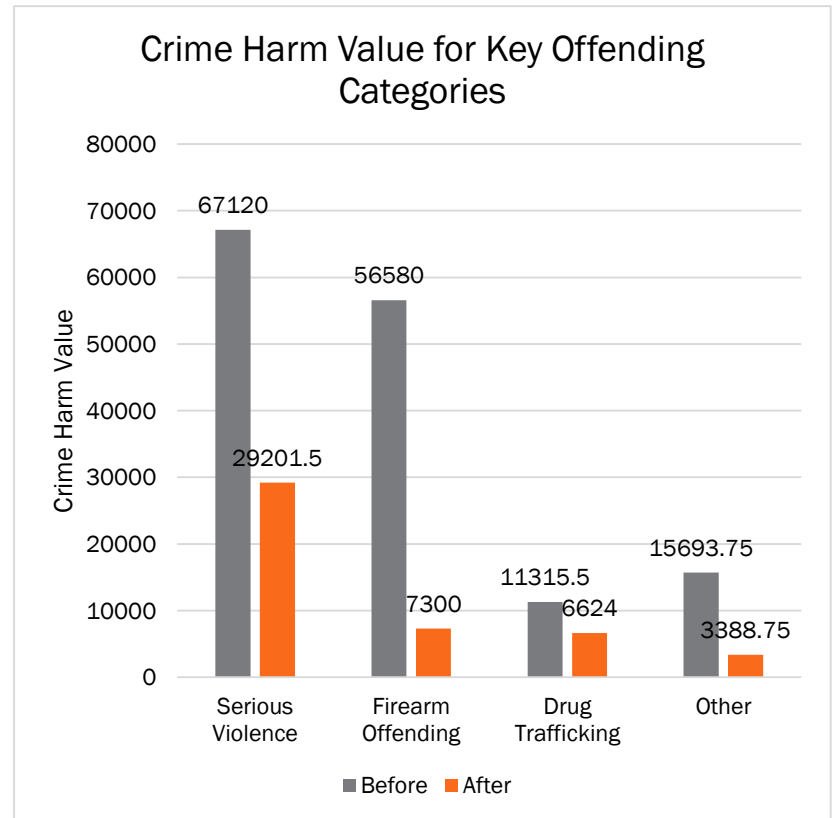
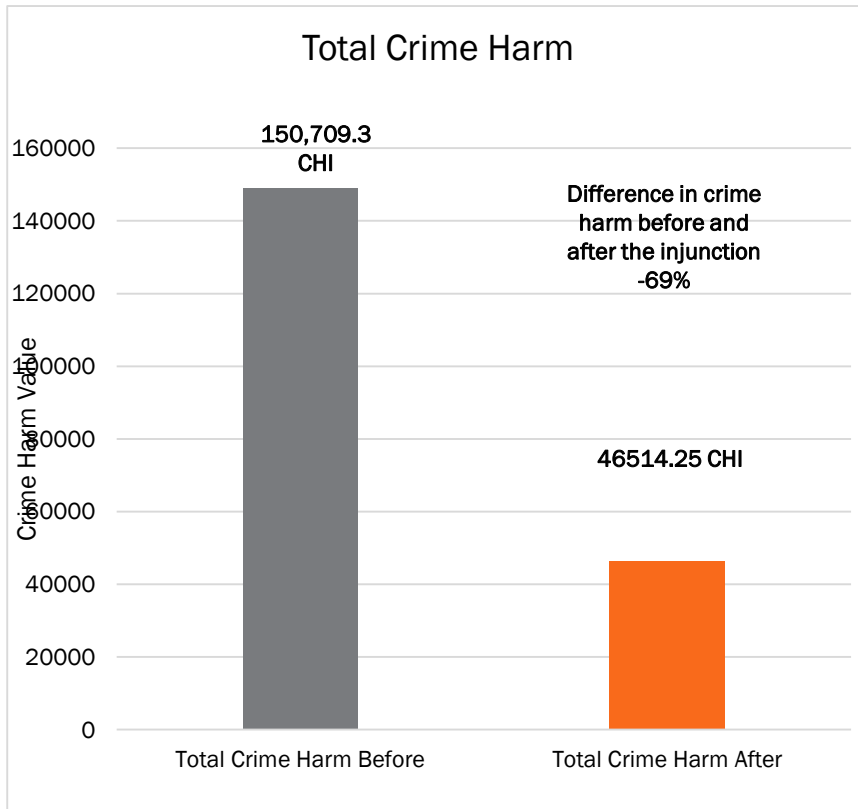
METHODOLOGY

- Merseyside – 190 Organised Crime Groups (OCG's) with 2883 members. (2016). Equates to 0.01% of the population (Power Few).
- Since 2012, Merseyside Police have acquired Gang Injunctions against 75 individuals affiliated to 9 OCG's.
- Longitudinal or 'Time Series' analysis of 50 individuals affiliated to 6 OCG's.
- Offending data for 36 individuals 36 months before and after.
- Offending data for the full 50 individuals for 12 months before and after.
- Adjustments for 'Time in Custody' to ensure accurate measure of exposure to offending. (6%/14%).
- Attribution of harm associated with offending in accordance with Cambridge Crime Harm Index (CHI).
- Data cleansing to ensure accuracy.

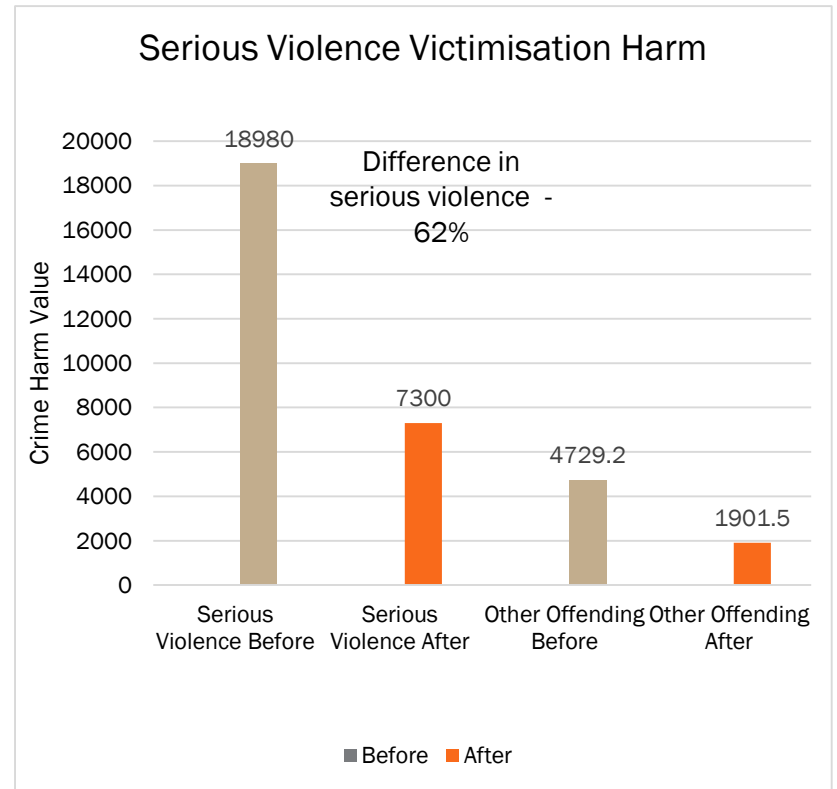
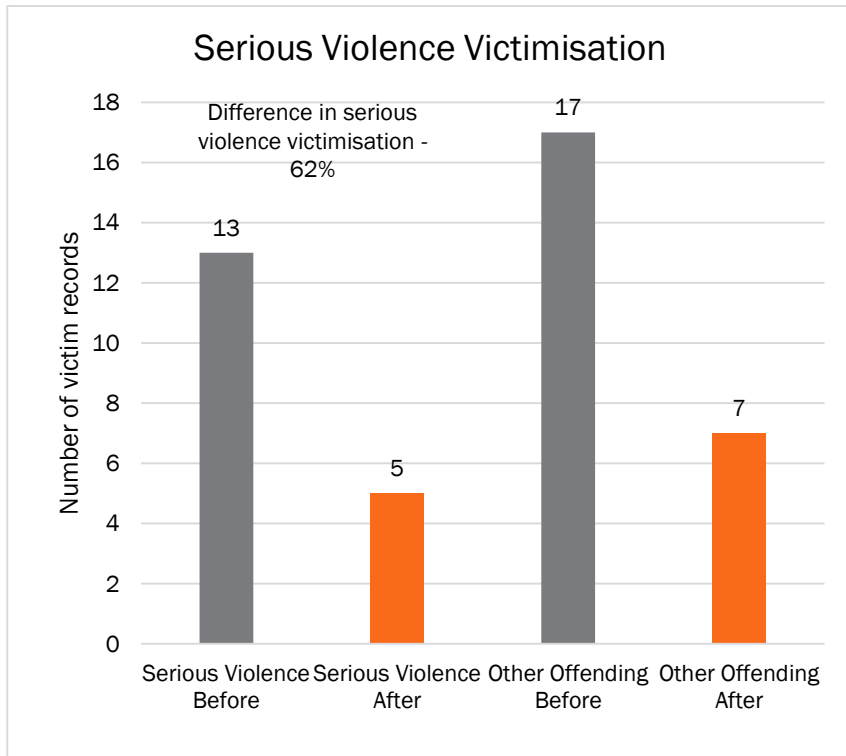
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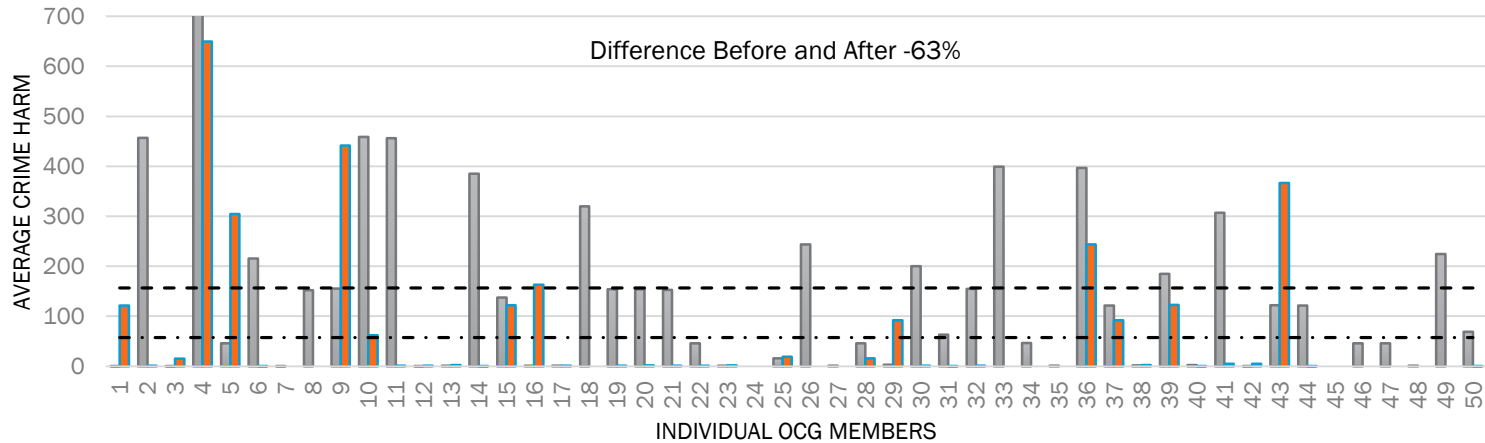


VICTIMISATION



AT LIBERTY CRIME HARM

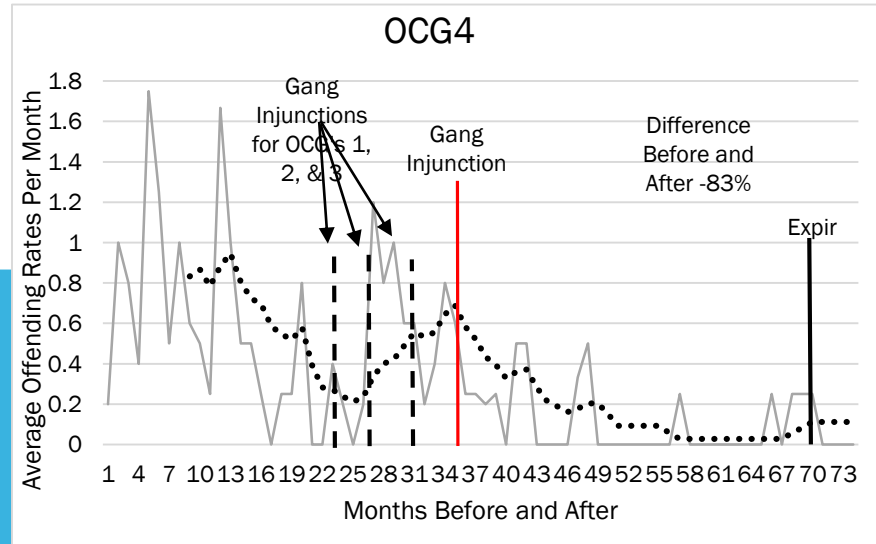
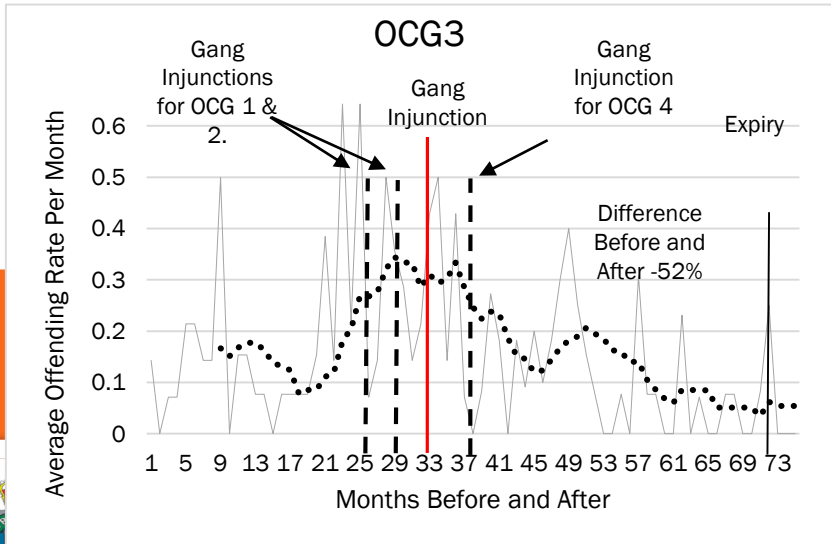
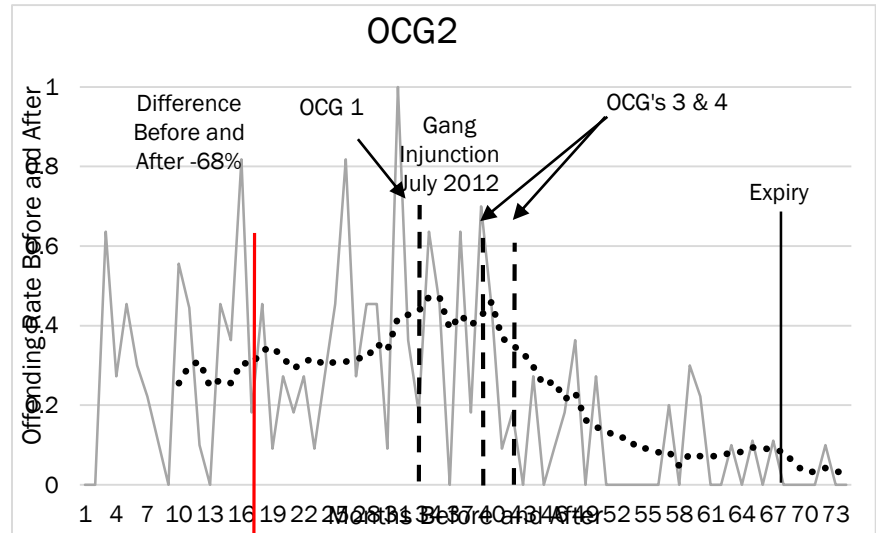
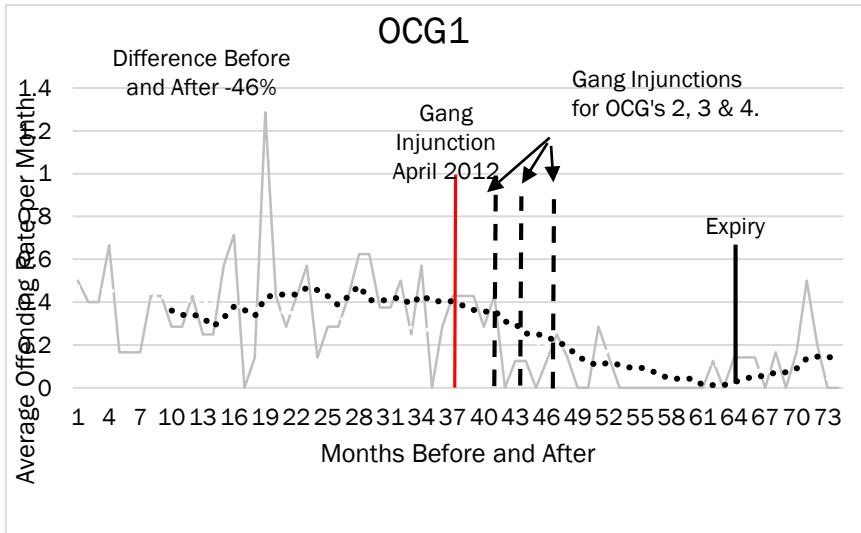
OCG's 1 - 6 'At Liberty' Crime Harm 12 Months Before and After



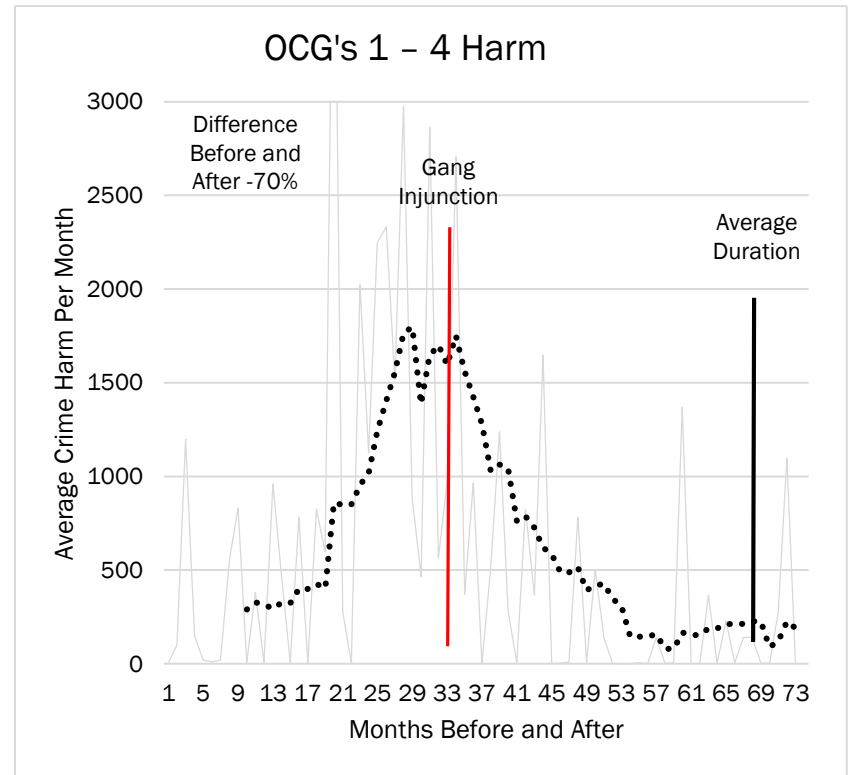
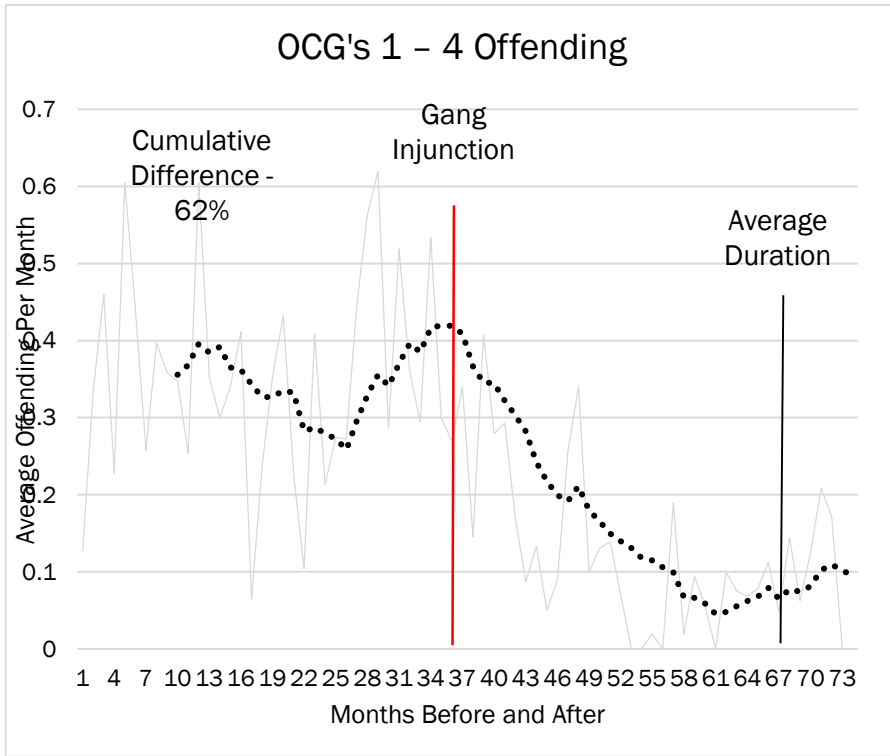
At Liberty Crime Harm Before
 At Liberty Crime Harm After

Average 'At Liberty' Crime Harm
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AT LIBERTY OFFENDING 36 MONTHS BEFORE AND AFTER



CUMULATIVE OFFENDING/HARM 36 MONTHS BEFORE AND AFTER



OFFENDING VOLUME – TREATMENT VERSUS CONTROL

