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FALSELY ACCUSED

A Honduran student in New York was falsely accused of being an MS-13 gang member after law enforcement viewed Facebook photos of him with a group of Central American students all dressed in their countries' colors and tagged with their local calling codes.

GUILTY BY ASSOCIATION



Jelani Henry, an NYC teenager, was arrested after police officers used social media to connect him to his brother, who had been arrested in a gang raid months earlier, and other neighborhood friends. Those connections were the only evidence supporting his arrest - there was nothing else showing that he actually committed the double murder he was accused of. He spent two years in jail, including nine months in solitary confinement.

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MASS ARRESTS



In New York, police used 41,000 Facebook pages and related records to support the arrest of 120 men suspected of being gang-involved, despite many of the men ultimately having no gang affiliation

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IT'S NOT MINE!



For more than two years, an undercover police officer periodically checked the Facebook account of a Black man with a prior felony conviction. The police had no specific reason for continuing to look at his account. When the man's girlfriend accidentally used his Facebook account to post a photo of a gun she legally owned, the man was arrested and sentenced to 15 years in prison for possessing a gun as a felon.

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