



Cirebon City Police's Efforts To Minimize Motorcycle Gangs In Cirebon City

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Abstract

Background. Lately, motorcycle gangs in Cirebon City have been very unsettling for the community. This motorcycle gang is usually carried out by teenagers who violate community norms and commit negative behaviors such as traffic violations, but crimes such as destruction of public facilities, clashes between fellow motorcycle gangs, persecution that takes the lives of others, drunkenness, and robbery.

Purpose. The focus of the problem in this study is: 1) What is the reality of motorcycle gangs in Cirebon City? 2) What are the efforts of the police in minimizing motorcycle gangs in Cirebon City?

Method. The research method used in this study is an empirical juridical approach. Meanwhile, the data collection method used in this study uses a field research method intended for data collection in the form of oral questions and answers (interviews) between researchers and several resource persons which are carried out systematically based on the research objectives; and the method of literature study, namely investigation through literature books and various reading sources by examining theories in the criminal law literature.

Result. The results of the research obtained by the author in this study are the general overview of the condition of motorcycle gangs in Cirebon City, namely motorcycle gangs themselves, it is not known who the founders are. Gang membership system that does not fully follow the applicable government administrative area. For the recruitment of new members, all members are carried out by inviting new members to join or prospective new members take the initiative to join for the next time in ospek or schooled (motorcycle gang term).

Conclusion. Efforts made by the police in minimizing motorcycle gangs are carried out preventively and repressively. In preventive efforts, it is carried out by holding operations on motor vehicles.

Keywords: Minimize, Motorcycle Gangs, Crime



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INTRODUCTION

Indonesia as a country of law requires that the law must always be enforced, respected and obeyed by anyone without exception. This aims to create security, order, and welfare in the life of society, nation and state.¹ The National Police of the Republic of Indonesia and its subordinate structures as institutions tasked with maintaining the country's internal security and order, in carrying out their duties and functions seem to have not been optimal. This can be seen with the internal state of the country which is still not completely safe. Indonesia Police Watch launched that in the midst of the community today there is a phenomenon of Motorcycle Gangs with anarchist actions that disturb the community.

The phenomenon of motorcycle gang crime has become a crime that has become a trending topic and is usually mostly committed by teenagers, all crimes committed by motorcycle gangs are very troubling to the Indonesian people today, especially the people of Cirebon City. Not only minor violations such as traffic violations, but crimes such as destruction of public facilities, clashes between fellow motorcycle gangs, persecution that takes the lives of others, drunkenness, robbery and many other crimes committed by this group of motorcycle gangs that have been very unsettling to the community.²

The name motorcycle gang always gives a bad impression, which is usually synonymous with anarchist behavior. Recently, the behavior of motorcycle gangs has become increasingly troubling to the community, their behavior is no longer just a violation of public order, such as illegal racing. But they become criminal acts. Crimes are in the form of robbery, robbery, vandalism, persecution and even murder. Due to the influence of globalization, the lifestyle of young people is increasingly diverse, especially in Cirebon, and also has an impact on the increasing number of motorcycle gangs in Cirebon. Teenagers are searching for their identity, so they won't consider the impact of what they're doing. They can't get the affection and attention of their parents, perhaps because the parents are busy with work, forcing them out of the house to find what they need.

Various preventive measures are also often carried out by the police in anticipation of cases of violence committed by motorcycle gangs so that these acts of violence do not continue continuously. Various efforts to overcome motorcycle gang violence carried out by all related parties, both state apparatus, social institutions and the surrounding community, starting from raids at schools, counseling, providing understanding to parents to supervise the behavior of

¹ Chainur Arrasjid, *The Basics of Law*, Jakarta: Sinar Grafika, 2000, p. 54

² <http://indonesia-policewatch.com/> Retrieved April 2, 2021

their children so that they do not fall into motorcycle gang groups. In fact, efforts to disband motorcycle gangs are intensively carried out by the authorities supported by the community in order to eliminate acts of violence committed by motorcycle gangs, by arresting and securing motorcycle gang members for coaching and legal action to provide a deterrent effect to motorcycle gang members.³

The actions of the motorcycle gang were carried out basically to show the identity and existence of a motorcycle gang. Furthermore, these actions also include the act of wanting to own other people's rights such as motor vehicles, mobile phones and a number of other goods.⁴

The relationship between the duties of the police and the prevention of crimes committed by motorcycle gangs is faced with a conflict of law itself, such as the age of motorcycle gangs who are still children, so that in carrying out their duties, the police must prioritize social functions rather than law enforcement functions. This means that the police must conduct coaching first in cracking down on motorcycle gangs rather than arrests and detentions.⁵

Based on the description mentioned above, the author is interested in conducting research which will then be made a report on the research as a thesis with the title "Efforts Of The Cirebon City Police In Minimizing Motorcycle Gangs In Cirebon City"

Problem Formulation

Based on the background description that has been stated, several problems are formulated as follows:

1. What is the reality of motorcycle gangs in Cirebon City?
2. What are the efforts made by the police in order to minimize motorcycle gangs in Cirebon City?

DISCUSSION

The Reality of Motorcycle Gangs in Cirebon City

³ Sariyono, Thesis: "The Efforts of the Medan Baru Police in Preventing and Overcoming Motorcycle Gang Delinquency" (Medan: USU, 2012), p. 2

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Ibid.*

In Cirebon City itself there are 5 motorcycle gangs, namely XTC, GBR, Konack, Moonraker, and Brigez. The five motorcycle gangs are unknown to their founders. The police also do not know the founder of the motorcycle gang.

The number of members is approximately 100 to 400 people. This is based on estimates because the gang membership system does not fully follow the applicable government administrative area. They know the term region 3 which includes 5 surrounding districts/cities consisting of Cirebon City, Cirebon Regency, Majalengka Regency, Indramayu Regency and Kuningan Regency. Furthermore, for lower leadership, it is possible to oversee several sub-districts from different districts or cities. This results in a member being able to attend activities in other areas. As a result, it is difficult to obtain an exact number of members specific to a particular region.

The recruitment of new members is carried out by all members by inviting new members to join or prospective new members to take the initiative to join for the next time in ospek or schooled (motorcycle gang term). This means that new members must take a kind of training as well as physical and mental tests to defend the motorcycle gangs they enter. However, this stage does not apply absolutely to every new member. It is not uncommon for new members recruited by the commander or other leadership elements to not go through this stage.⁶

On the other hand, for the termination or dismissal of members, it is usually done to members who have committed serious violations or have repeatedly violated gang rules. This means that gang membership is not fixed.

Furthermore, the nature of membership is not fixed. This means that members are allowed to leave the gang. However, for certain members who are considered to be able to harm the gang when the person concerned leaves, they will be tried to remain a member. These considerations are primarily based on the interests and image of the gang, and the decision is determined by the commander-in-chief. So far, the background of the members is dominated by the male group, while women are few and none occupy important positions. Judging from age, members are dominated by junior high and high school age children.⁷

⁶ Irmayani; Badrun Susantyo; B. Mujiyadi; Anwar Stephen Togiaratua Nainggolan; Sugiyanto; Muslim Sabarisman, *The Phenomenon of Motorcycle Gangs: A Study in Several Cities in West Java, Jakarta 2017*, pp. 36-37

⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 37

Although it is a group, the presence of gangs in Cirebon does not show the characteristics of a formal group supported by formal legality. This group stands without a clear office. Even if there is a secretariat, it is not considered an official office by the community. Historically the 4 gangs in Cirebon (except Breges) are related to the same gang in Bandung, but this relationship is not structural.

In line with this explanation, this motorcycle gang has not made written rules about the behavior of its members and management. The existing rules are only oral, and their implementation depends on the leadership. Thus there are sanctions for members who commit violations.

Violations usually occur in the routine activities of motorcycle gangs. The activities in question include gatherings, street convoys, and social services. Of these three activities, gatherings are the most frequent. Although it is not routine, it is done at least once or twice a month. Meanwhile, the convoy is carried out as needed, and is usually carried out with the approval of the leadership. Social services are usually carried out in the month of Ramadan before Eid in accordance with religious worship activities.⁸

The activities of motorcycle gangs in Cirebon City are known to the public based on their activities. Motorcycle gangs often carry out group activities in each of their activities because they are deliberately equipped with the values of togetherness so that a spirit of group solidarity, as well as solidarity, emerges since the process of recruiting new members. The activities in question consist of 3 types, namely gatherings, convoys, and social services.

Get-Together

Motorcycle gangs usually gather in - In front of the BAT building, Bima field, entrance to Perum GSP Majasem, stall in front of SMPN 4 Jl. Pemuda, stall in Perum Pempembangunan area, Kanoman Palace area, Krucuk park in front of BTN, south astanagarib, volleyball court Taman Kalijaga Permai, - In front of the Bentani Hotel on Jl. Siliwangi, Railway Monument of Kejaksaan Station, Alfamart in front of SMKN Kedawung, along Jl. Drajat, Banjar Wangunan park, Sukasari V alley, PT Arida bus parking.

Gathering activities take place at night until sometimes before dawn, especially on weeknights because they are considered freer. The schedule of these activities is uncertain and subject to member agreement. The agreement is decided by the leadership or otherwise

⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 38

determined directly by the leadership to be further informed to the members. There are times when this activity does not involve, even without the knowledge of the leader. The only element of consideration in this activity is the need to gather, and that need is primarily determined by the leadership.⁹

During the gathering, members will talk about various things. The main talk is related to the common agenda. In this case, the leadership element will lead the event. Meanwhile, the subject matter can be in the form of directions or discussions about the preparation of an activity that concerns all members and/or matters related to the image of the gang.

After discussing the common agenda, fellow members continue the conversation about the personal interests of the members or the interests of the sub-groups. This activity took place more relaxed and free interspersed with laughter and confiding. There are times when along with the cold of the night that is getting late, motorcycle gang members release liquor and drugs.¹⁰

Convoy

After the get-together, it usually ends with a motorcycle convoy. The motorcycle convoy was carried out en masse by going around the city following the tastes of the leaders. The behavior of gang members in the convoy that controls the highway attracts the attention of the public around the highway they are passing, even in the shadow of fear. Not only was the sound of the motorcycle exhaust deafening, the voices of motorcycle gang members also echoed with their screams. They even occasionally sound yelling when they are dealing with other people who feel annoying or obstructing passing traffic.¹¹

There are times when the behavior of the convoy is carried out in the number of dozens of people. After the dissolution of the mass convoy, on the way home, there was a small grouping based on the same direction of the return trip.

Along with these convoy activities, other cases have emerged on the streets that are directly or indirectly linked to motorcycle gangs. Motorcycle gangs commit criminal acts alone or in groups, on behalf of the gang or not, alone by using the gang as a vehicle. Situations like this cause motorcycle gang members to be involved in acts of violence, criminal acts to become convicts. The above explanation illustrates that this motorcycle gang case can involve a

⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 46

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, p. 47.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, p. 48

motorcycle gang group or involve an individual who happens to be a member of a motorcycle gang and then involves his friends and fellow motorcycle gang members with or without the knowledge of the leader.¹²

Social Service

This activity is carried out annually and/or incidentally. The annual activity is carried out during the month of Ramadan ahead of Eid al-Fitr. Meanwhile, incidentally it is carried out to respond to certain situations such as disasters, environmental cleanliness, securing certain events, and others.

Social service in the month of Ramadan is associated with an increase in deeds of worship. All motorcycle gangs took the moment in distributing takjil in collaboration with various parties. In addition to distributing takjil, gang members take a role in parking, provide compensation to nursing homes, feed beggars on the roadside, and help victims of disasters such as floods. These activities are carried out according to the availability of the cash budget of each motorcycle gang, or fundraising is carried out such as at road intersections and collecting contributions from members voluntarily.¹³

From this motorcycle gang activity, the public is more familiar with convoy activities as a social identity of motorcycle gangs. This happens because this activity often causes controversial cases that shock the public's attention. His cases on the streets that went to court left a strong mark on the cognitive memory of the public. Meanwhile, hanging out activities are more local and limited to the surrounding area so that they do not have more scarring consequences. The same thing happens in social service activities, especially when they are rarely published.¹⁴

Police Efforts to Minimize Motorcycle Gangs in Cirebon City

Security is a citizen's right. This is clearly mandated in the Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia Article 28G which reads:

¹² *Ibid.*, p. 50

¹³ *Ibid.*, pp. 53-54

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 54

"Everyone has the right to the protection of his or her personal life, family, honor, dignity, and property, and to the right to a sense of security and protection from the threat of fear to do or not do something that is a human right."¹⁵

The security of citizens must be realized by the state as its internal function. The internal function of the state is to maintain public order, order, security, peace in the country and protect the rights of everyone.¹⁶

The state has two important institutions in an effort to maintain peace and order in the country. The two institutions are the Indonesian National Army and the Indonesian National Police. The army is tasked with protecting the country's sovereignty from interference from outside and from within. Meanwhile, the police are tasked with maintaining internal security and order in the country.¹⁷

The role of these two institutions is mandated in the Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia Article 30 paragraph (2) which reads:

"The defense and security of the state is carried out through the universal people's defense and security system by the Indonesian National Army and the National Police of the Republic of Indonesia, as the main force, and the people as the supporting force"¹⁸

The National Police of the Republic of Indonesia and its subordinate structures as institutions tasked with maintaining the country's internal security and order, in carrying out their duties and functions seem to have not been optimal. This can be seen with the internal state of the country which is still not completely safe. Indonesia Police Watch launched that in the midst of the community today there is a phenomenon of Motorcycle Gangs with anarchist actions that disturb the community.¹⁹

The phenomenon of motorcycle gang crime has become a popular crime topic and is generally committed by teenagers. All the crimes committed by this motorcycle gang are very troubling to the Indonesian people, including in Cirebon City. Not only minor violations such as traffic violations, but also destruction of public facilities, brawls, persecution to take the lives of others, robbery, drunkenness and many more crimes that have been committed by motorcycle gangs.

¹⁵ Republic of Indonesia, 1945 Law on the Results of the Amendment and the Process of Amending the 1945 Constitution in Full, (Cet. 6; Jakarta: Sinar Grafika, 2009), p. 55.

¹⁶ Romi Librayanto. State Science (Makassar: Reflection, 2009), p. 123.

¹⁷ Puspen of the Indonesian National Army. 2012. Fundamental differences in the functions of the TNI and the National Police. <http://www.tni.mil.id/pages-2-peran-fungsi-dan-tugas.html>. (Retrieved July 4, 2021).

¹⁸ Constitution of 1945.

¹⁹ Indonesia Police Watch. 2013. Motorcycle Gang Anarchism Continues. <http://indonesia-policewatch.com/>. (Retrieved July 4, 2021)

The number of crimes committed by motorcycle gangs can basically be suppressed. However, it is very difficult to get rid of it. Law enforcement officials, especially members of the Cirebon City Resort Police (Ciko Police) in tackling crimes committed by motorcycle gangs, especially in Cirebon City, must go directly and eradicate the existence of motorcycle gangs with preventive and repressive efforts.

A. Preventive Measures

Preventive crime prevention is a preventive measure before a crime occurs. This preventive measure aims to eradicate all those who are the cause of crime. These actions include:

1. Legal counseling by the police team to students, both formal and non-formal. Collaborating with local governments and communities;
2. Placing police members in areas that are considered vulnerable or where the members of the motorcycle gang gather, because they have deviant behavior, namely often using illegal drugs, drinking liquor which results in loss of consciousness so that they unknowingly commit a criminal act;
3. There needs to be intense communication between the police, schools, families, and the community so that there is no miscommunication between these elements so that they are able to act together in dealing with motorcycle gangs in accordance with applicable legal procedures and rules.

Often the handling of motorcycle gangs in Cirebon City is carried out partially, such as the lack of communication and coordination between the responsible elements so that vigilante actions arise carried out by people who feel dissatisfied with the performance of the police, besides that the school that takes action against its students in the form of punishments that can bring the child down psychologically until he is expelled from school and the police should cooperate with the school, family, and the community to prevent the actions of people who often commit vigilante actions by conducting direction, socialization and active communication with various elements of society.

Repressive Efforts

Repressive actions were carried out after motorcycle gangs committed criminal acts. These actions can be in the form of arrest, criminalization, and detention in correctional institutions.

The purpose of criminalization of an act of a crime is to correct behavior that deviates from the norms that are alive and upheld by society. Both religious norms, customs, and legal norms. Coaching is an effective action so that a person who commits a crime does not repeat acts that are contrary to the norms that live in society.

Basically, there are three points of thought about the goals to be achieved in a penalty, namely:

1. To improve the convict's personality;
2. To make people a deterrent to committing crimes;
3. To make certain criminals capable of doing other jobs, after they have been released from their prisons.

The repressive efforts to tackle crimes committed by motorcycle gangs include:

1. Receive and take action on reports or complaints of crime;
2. Conducting a series of investigations and investigations into a crime. In the investigation process, the Ciko Police always investigate the perpetrators in depth, in order to get accurate information in a crime case.
3. Conduct arrests, detentions, and examinations;
4. Giving strict sanctions to the perpetrators in accordance with the Criminal Code.

CONCLUSION

Based on the explanation above, conclusions can be drawn, including:

1. The reality of motorcycle gangs in Cirebon City now still exists and even the number of followers is increasing. The presence of gangs in Cirebon does not show characteristics as a formal group supported by formal legality. This motorcycle gang has not made written rules about the behavior of its members and management. The existing rules are only oral, and their implementation depends on the leadership. The activities of motorcycle gangs in Cirebon City are known to the public based on their activities. Motorcycle gangs often carry out group activities in each of their activities because they are deliberately equipped with the values of togetherness so that a spirit of group solidarity, as well as solidarity, emerges since the process of recruiting new members. The activities in question consist of 3 types, namely gatherings, convoys, and social services. From this motorcycle gang activity, the public is more familiar with convoy activities as a social identity of motorcycle gangs. This happens because this activity often causes controversial cases that shock the public's attention.

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Suggestion

1. The police should be able to minimize or even disband motorcycle gangs, because motorcycle gangs have committed a lot of violence/crimes. And because the punishment of the perpetrator does not have a deterrent effect, the law that regulates acts of violence/crime must be changed, by increasing the fines that must be paid and increasing the confinement period of a minimum of one year in prison and a maximum of four years in prison, so that the perpetrators of crimes get a deterrent effect and do not repeat the same mistakes.
2. Law enforcement officials, local governments, and the community should work together in coaching motorcycle gang members who are still studying.

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