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Federal law enforcement officials today (Tuesday) announced an indictment of 54 members of a white supremacist organization operating in Arkansas. At a press conference in Russellville, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas Cody Hiland unsealed the indictment against the New Aryan Empire, alleging members of the group engaged in drug trafficking, murder, kidnapping and other charges. Joined by officials from the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the U-S Department of Justice, Hiland said it's the first usage of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, or RICO (REE-koh) Act, in the state in 15 years.

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“...cases when it's appropriate.”

RICO is commonly used to prosecute members of an organized crime group for the actions of all other members. The investigation into the group began in 2017, with an indictment of 44 people on charges of meth distribution and gun possession.

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54 members of an alleged white supremacist gang in Arkansas have been arrested on charges ranging from drug trafficking, kidnapping and murder. U-S Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas Cody Hiland announced the indictment today (Tues) at a press conference in Russellville, alongside officials from the FBI and the U-S Department of Justice. D-O-J Deputy Assistant Attorney General David Rybicki (ruh-BIC-ee) says the group, known as the New Aryan Empire, began as a prison gang in Arkansas and has since moved into organized crime.

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“...further its goals.”

The investigation began with an October 2017 indictment of 44 alleged members of the group on drug and gun charges. The case will be the first usage of the Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organization Act, or RICO Act, in the state in 15 years. The RICO Act is used against organized crime groups to prosecute members for any crimes committed by any other member of the organization.