

## **Territory and Language**

### **“Territory” can mean a variety of things.**

- Where you grew up
- The streets on which you sold/bought drugs
- Where you were/are allowed to be part of a group

Remember: In their world, you need contacts in order to do business, and labels are important!

### **Terms with which you should be aware:**

#### **Chicken head**

- Usually, a prostitute, always a woman.
- Most often refers to a woman that can be used for sexual favors or drugs.
- This term is used to show dominance by men over women.

#### **Dis**

- Short for “disrespect”
- A “dis” can be done in many ways.

#### **Homeboy**

- Someone considered a true friend.
- Does not necessarily mean that you trust them completely, but you can usually count on this person to meet your needs.

#### **Posse**

- Usually, a group following a leader.
- The leader may have power, money, or seniority, or a combination.
- The leader is responsible for meeting the needs of the posse.
- The posse is responsible for the safety of the leader.

#### **Pennies**

- Money, usually refers to dollar bills
  - Example: 300 pennies = \$300

#### **Roll**

- Lifestyle: “This is how we roll.”

#### **Streets**

- Term of endearment to a poor or unstable background
  - Example: “You got streets.”