

Torrey Loomis, a Scotts Valley police detective, hopes his brainchild, Gangtags.com, will coordinate tagging enforcement on a regional level. He hopes to sell the service to authorities around the nation.

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Every time a "tag" is reported, Loomis explained, an officer enters the tag into the Web site's database, along with the location of the tag, date it was found and a contact name of an officer involved in the case.

In Capitola recently, a teen was arrested on suspicion of tagging several shops at Capitola Mall. Capitola detective Cliff Sloma said investigators believe the teen responsible for much of that graffiti may be connected to the "Never Out Sober" tagging crew, a band that several law enforcement agencies

Loomis said he is trying to sell the program to the county agencies as a test run. He will fine tune the service using their input, and then sell it around the country. He said he hopes to have all San Francisco Bay Area counties subscribing to the service by the end of the year.

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