

2000-Commonwealth v Certain Known Unnamed Pokemon Gang

Overview

This year we are presenting a criminal RICO prosecution of a group of older (12 to 14 year olds) concerning Pokemon card trades. An all too common problem at many schools arises when older kids trade Pokemon cards with younger kids-the younger kids don't completely understand the concept of the trade and often they give away great cards for junk. Also, the younger ones sometimes expect to be able to reverse the trade and "various unfortunate disputes and differences ensue.

I have spoken to Jose at The Encounter. A Pokemon league plays there on Tuesday and Thursdays. We can recruit our defendants there.

On Tuesday, I would like all of us to meet at the Encounter. We will recruit our rackateer influenced adolescent thugs on that evening. The next Tuesday will shoot surveillance videos. We will shoot five separate videos for each courtroom.

You also need to find a little person for your victim. I am going to use my first grade daughter. As we have done before, my daughter will testify sitting on my lap. If you or a friend or bar members has a child who might be a little shy, consider having a mom or dad accompany them to the stand. They can do as little as point to the bad guys. You can also go for a child up to about third grade if you want to be more confident of their ability to testify. This little person needs to be with us at the filming on Tuesday.

The theme presented in the trial will include the imbalance in bargaining power between older and younger children and the credibility of witnesses who are cooperating with authority. During the trial some of the gang members will testify against others and the kindergarten/first grade victims may have worked as agents for the investigating police. Teachers may want to engage the children in discussions about the relationships between younger and older children and about how we decide whom to believe in a controversy.