

Data shows that the KFL Cartel has been in existence for at least 34 years. The Cartel members are extremely dangerous and unpredictable. They are pervasive throughout the Southern United States from Texas to the Southeast coastline. We think they are using a fake front of a Fantasy Football League to cover their covert activities. They have an annual gathering each year they call "The Draft". This is where they plan out their strategy and their ongoing battles for the remainder of the year. They party hard at these events with drinks, gambling, and golf before and after the big meeting. Lots of loud disagreements and foul-mouthed insults surround this contentious gathering. This meeting place is extremely secretive and is never in the same place twice.

The current intelligence shows that the organization is led by two powerful people. Ken Krautter and Stewart Bush. Reports show that Ken and Stewart are often seen hotly bickering over minute inconsequential details of the Cartel accentuating their enormous egos and their acute detail to anything related to money! It is this dual combative leadership that has kept the organization on track and on its toes for so many years.



Chairman of the Board, Ken Krautter.

a.k.a “The Flounder”. The original founder and Cartel namesake, serves as the Chairman of the Board and oversees the entire operation, nuts and bolts, soup to nuts, A to Z; Very detail oriented and persistent. Ken wears his heart on his sleeve and is passionate about the Cartel. His strong personality and desire to have things done the right way (i.e. his way!) permeates throughout the league. Ken controls the southwest faction and is typically seen in Texas. It is rumored that he travels a lot running contraband between Dallas and Waco. He can be recognized in phone taps by the gravelly “Grrrrr” code word at the beginning of his conversations. Loud in Casinos, always plays blackjack, and always sits in the Third Base spot.



CEO - Stewart Bush.

This handsome man, based on his hairdo, must have some private sector executive experience. This and his extensive contacts make him an excellent Cartel leader. He is Ken’s Yin to his Yang. His vocabulary skills are legendary (especially in his own mind), hence his nickname “Sesquipod”, or just “POD”. He has also been known to use the alias of Santiago Noodleman in the past, not so much lately. Informants tell us Stewart dislikes the letter “S”. We are still digesting that intel. It appears as if Stewart’s base of operation is the Southeastern faction mainly in Florida. He has been spotted travelling all along the southern coastline highways. Travels mostly by car. Spends a lot of time on golf courses. Despite his millions he plays the penny slots in casinos. Always seems to receive “complimentary” Casino Hotel rooms.

Additional Key members of the Cartel are described below:



Sr. VP Sales Director, Mike Brown.

Tall and Handsome. Loose Cannon and very unpredictable. Dangerous. Can sell anyone anything anywhere. Usually closes deals and always performs excessive numbers of hits on the golf course. Weakness is liquor. Extremely skilled in the art of storytelling and talking himself out of tight situations using humor. Base of operations is somewhere in Texas. Once seen as far north as Canada or Alaska in a Tundra somewhere trying to sell frozen dead fish to eskimos?



VP Sales Director, Matt Hartley.

Relative newcomer to the Cartel. Good looking. A bit quirky and also unpredictable. We think he was brought in to be a stabilizing force for Mike. Matt is credited for turning around the Sales team big take down win in 2019. Reports show that the Cartel leaders are fearful that Mike’s bad habits might be wearing off on Matt instead of the other way around.



COO, Mark Klein.

This big old country boy keeps the Cartel running from a secret farm somewhere in North Georgia. He handles the week to week business and oversees the operations keeping it rolling. Runs the fine line between Stewart and Ken disputes to calm things down. Has several known Nicknames: “Kommish”, “Mojo”, “Factor”. Rumored to always be in a cranky mood complaining and bickering with other Cartel members. Fairly tech savvy and we think he might have stood up a secret website somewhere. Rumors are that he authored an illegal gambling system called “Mojo Jojo” causing him to become blacklisted from several casinos. Weakness is college basketball, and cigars.



CFO, Rob Cook.

Last known base of operations is somewhere in North Alabama. Very much off the grid and keeps a low profile. Very slick. Portrays himself as a boy scout or Forrest Gump figure. Out of all the Cartel members he is seen as the most trustworthy. He handles all the books and money movement for the Cartel. If he could be caught the whole Cartel could be brought down. It is not yet known how he launders the Cartels money. Treasury agents have him listed in their top ten wanted list. Weakness is Cigars.



Chief Accountant(?), Sam Cook.

Also a relative newcomer to the Cartel. Quiet. Smart. Ruthless. Handsome. Easily blends in to the crowd. Son of Rob. His whereabouts and role are not completely known and it is suspected that he is a hitman for the Cartel based on his "Top Gun 2" nickname. Might be a good candidate if captured to get him to turn on the Cartel or to blackmail Rob.



Sr. Legal Counselor, Chuck Ormond.

This steely eyed good looking professional gives lawyers a bad name. Very quiet and secretive. Nickname "O-Ball". Based somewhere out of South Carolina. He handles all the legal business of the Cartel and will show up to bail members out of jail when they get arrested. Handled the "KFL Cartel v NFL" logo infringement litigation case with an out of court settlement. Very knowledgeable on the seamy side of law (Think "Better Call Saul"). Chuck, like many of the Cartel, conducts most of his business on the golf course.



VP Litigation, Art Petty.

Pretty boy newcomer to the Cartel. Smooth likable temperament. Very tall. Even keeled. Will almost always be seen accompanying Chuck and it is thought that he might be Chuck's personal bodyguard and confidant. Art has whale status at most casinos. Weakness is Gambling and Golf. He is rumored to be based in Texas at a large horse ranch but it has not been confirmed at this time.



Chief of Staff, Alan Story.

Strong quiet grim faced big man usually seen accompanying Ken Krautter. Warrior mentality; Unflappable. Pensive. Pirate-like. Man of very few words. Rumors have it that he is based in North Texas. Goes by "Big Al" or "Fred". No one is quite sure what his role in the Cartel is but he is seen by them as trustworthy. He is usually pulled in to review the books/money/funding and is in the middle of disputes surrounding Cartel rules. Rumored to have a photogenic memory. Walks a lot. His cold as ice personality and Big Al nickname means you should treat him as an extremely dangerous character.



CTO, Steve Thompson.

Wild man. Renegade. Rule Breaker and Rule Bender. Technology Savvy. If his mouth is moving he is lying. His "SLAM" nickname is well earned. Will not be taken alive. Rumored to be based either in Alabama or Mississippi. Phone taps on him typically begin with "How-R-Ya". Recent surveillance photo shows he blatantly created a Cartel banner and displays it at hotel pools fearless of getting caught. Intel shows he is leading a young KFL Legacy off shoot Cartel that has been in existence the past 5 years. The eager beaver younger Thompson clan members lead this Legacy Cartel while the rest of them are rumored to be lazy deadbeats. Not sure if the Legacy Cartel will make a go of it? Perhaps some might get absorbed in the parent Cartel in future years? Not much is really known about these new Legacy Cartel members and it may be time to expand our surveillance to begin covering them.



Sr. VP of Marketing, Kevin Thompson.

Smooth talker, Fearless deal maker. Ginger. Life of the party. Can work a deal with anyone on a moment's notice. Steely penetrating eyes. Watch out when he gets mad! Slight Boston accent, might have transferred from the Northeast. Seems to be more of a silent partner in recent years, but is always a bottom line business kind of a guy. Last seen partying on a Bourbon Street balcony during Mardi Gras so we think his territory is the New Orleans area. Gambling and golf are his weaknesses.



Sr. Collection Officers, Austin, Alex, and Dwight Bowling.

La Familia. These slick good looking characters are rarely seen at KFL gatherings but still play an important role. Nickname is "Sandbaggers". Think Bonnie and Clyde for this deadly "Hubby and Wife" team. Alex is the first female to break the glass ceiling into this misogynistic group. Rumors surrounding an Alex and Flounder collusion during the last draft are unsubstantiated. Dwight, Austin's dad, is a sneaky silver hair dude who rarely pops up above the radar. They are thought to be based in Georgia and may be part of the "Thompson network". They ensure the timely flow of money into the Cartel. If any "Customer" is late with their Cartel payments these guys pay them a visit and makes them an offer they can't refuse. They also spend an inordinate amount time on the golf course!



Director of Human Resources, Bob Keefer.

Rugged looking handsome Marlboro Man character. Strong as an Ox. Distinctive laugh. Rumored to have a poison tipped knife hidden in his walking cane. Old school, not technology savvy. His weird "Mukluk" nickname has yet to be deciphered. Bob handles the hiring of new Cartel members. He has a credo that once he hires a team member, he refuses to let them go even if they break a leg or arm. The "inactive" team members are given "IR" tats on their forehead as a lesson to the other team members to stay in line. Luckily for him, his deadwood gets automatically "pruned" each year by new incoming team members. Based in Texas and travels by SUV or Pickup. Weakness is Cigars.



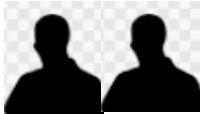
Spiritual Leader: Bill Cummins.

Outgoing reckless Party Man and tough guy. Wannabe actor and videographer. Has a wild streak. Super strong and athletic. Weakness is fine Kentucky Bourbon. Drinks the Brown consistently and heavily with an occasional weed chaser. Nickname is "Wild Bill" or "Cuz". Seems to be buzzed a lot but he is keenly alert and aware of potential danger at all times. Bill will be the one at social gatherings who is proposing a toast or saying a prayer to get the festivities rolling. The past few years we have photos of him sitting in a Kentucky Derby owner box on Derby Day so he might be involved with a Kentucky based cartel as well. Might be from England as there are lots of "UK" references in his call transcripts. Home base appears to be in North Texas and always has a morning constitutional walk. Different random routes each day.

Friends of the KFL:



Norm - High powered celebrity the Cartel bribes each year to steer the feds away. Although he has loose lips and talks for a living he refuses to rat on his homies. Feds are investigating his charity fearing that the KFL might be using it for money laundering purposes. Appears to be partial to Story as "Good Pick All!" transcripts were recently found.



Smooth & Killo – Hit men extraordinaire. Dangerous thugs. Bulls in a China Shop! Real names are not known. No known pictures of them exist. If they are present watch out! Someone is going down! Rumored to be susceptible to bribes of huge mounds of shrimp.

Previous KFL Members:



Joe Brooks – a.k.a "Peanut". Short. Balding. Early riser. Picture is from a hospital file, after being roughed up, shortly before he died an agonizing death. He was snuffed out by the Cartel when he could no longer co-exist with Mike Brown. Weakness was Craps where he developed a fool proof Craps system that pulled in thousands per session. Klein is still trying to recreate that system.

Summary:

Efforts to date to apprehend these extremely dangerous characters of the KFL Cartel include wire taps and camera surveillance. The COVID-19 crisis has pulled them further underground so no relevant intelligence has been gathered in the last few months. We do know that they are still active based on all the "Harrummmpphhh" references in phone transcripts! It is a very tight knit group with newcomer entry requiring extreme vetting via a KFL application. Lots of family ties and nepotism in this group. There is an amazing lack of grand jury evidence collected on this Cartel considering its size and the length of time it has been active. Weekly turf battles amongst the Cartel members are quite common and yet they seem to stay one or two steps ahead of law enforcement efforts.

There are many different socioeconomic factions causing continual friction amongst the Cartel members including: Seasoned Veterans versus Brash Youngsters; Southwest versus Southeastern; Liberalism versus Conservative; Penny Pinchers versus Free Spenders; Golfers versus non-Golfers; Old School versus New Tech; It is our hope that someday in the near future one of these friction points will cause a crack to open wide enough to let us acquire the information needed to prosecute. That being said, this KFL Cartel has one overriding feature that will make it very difficult to take down, their undying Loyalty to each other!

The final recommendation is to continue the surveillance and monitoring until further notice.

Respectfully submitted,
KFL Cartel Task Force (KCTF)