

**Name: Vernon "Vern" Mercer****Occupation:** Street Punk (Motorcycle Biker)**Age:** 30**Sex:** Male**Archetype:** Hard Boiled**Residence:** Boston, Massachusetts**Birthplace:** Chicago, Illinois

**STR** 75    **CON** 90    **SIZ** 75    **DEX** 70    **INT** 80  
**APP** 75    **POW** 60    **EDU** 65    **SAN** 60    **HP** 33  
**DB:** +1D4    **Build:** +1    **Move:** 8    **MP:** 12    **Luck:** 80

**Combat****Attacks per round: 1**

Brawl            65% (32/13), damage 1D3+1D4  
Shotgun        65% (32/13), damage 4D6/2D6/1D6  
Dodge           35% (17/7)

**Skills**

Accounting	05%	Law	05%
Appraise	05%	Library Use	20%
Art/Craft (Dancing)	05%	Listen	50%
Charm	15%	Mechanical Repair	50%
Climb	30%	Natural World	10%
Computer Use	00%	Navigate	40%
Credit Rating	07%	Occult	05%
Cthulhu Mythos	00%	Persuade	10%
Disguise	05%	Psychology	10%
Drive Auto	75%	Ride	05%
Electrical Repair	50%	Sleight of Hand	10%
Fast Talk	85%	Spot Hidden	30%
First Aid	50%	Stealth	70%
History	05%	Survival [Specialization]	10%
Intimidate	55%	Swim	20%
Jump	50%	Throw	50%
Language (English)	75%	Track	10%

**Pulp Talents**

- **Heavy Hitter:** May spend 10 Luck points to add an additional damage die when dealing out melee combat (die type depends on the weapon being used, e.g. 1D3 for unarmed combat, 1D6 for a sword, etc.)
- **Iron Liver:** May spend 5 Luck to avoid the effects of drinking excessive amounts of alcohol (negating penalty applied to skill rolls).

► **Tough Guy:** Soaks up damage, may spend 10 Luck points to shrug off up to 5 hit points worth of damage taken in one combat round.

### **Connections**

Ernie Fritz (affiliated '*Hellstreet Crazies*' biker gang, petty criminal); Blackdog Cardona (rival '*Zapata's Revenge*' biker gang; petty criminal); Eustace "Spider" Snider (fence); and the local Boston Police (not friendly to say the least, with the exception of Luther Finch).

### **Backstory**

- **Personal Description:** Vernon "Vern" Mercer stands 6 feet tall and weighs 180 pounds. His face has a permanent stern appearance (unless he is with Sophie, then it's the opposite). He has multiple knife and bullet scars on his torso and arms. He wears the colours of the *Gasoline Shadows* biker gang.

- **Ideology/Beliefs:** Money is power and respect, and he desires both. He takes great pride in being a member of the *Gasoline Shadows* biker gang, but he has had thoughts of leaving so he could be with Sophie. He loves her enough to know that he doesn't want any blowback from his actions effect her.

- **Significant People:** *Sophie Beach*, nightclub dancer at the Imperial Palace. While surrounded by criminality, she refuses the corruption and sticks to the law. She's honest and law-abiding. Almost Vern's complete opposite. They love each other but she refuses to have anything to do with his biker gang and criminal ways.

*Luther Finch*, Boston beat cop. Luther is an old childhood friend of Vern's. As kids, Vern saved Luther's life when he had fallen through some the ice. They have been friends ever since. Luther has helped Vern skirt the law in the past and would do so again. Vern knows he has taken advantage of Luther's friendship in the past and the fact that he feels sorry about it, probably surprises him the most. He knows he hasn't been the best of friends, but he does consider Luther his only true friend.

- **Meaningful Locations:** Stinky's Garage at Pearl street in the outskirts of northern Boston. It's the home base of the *Gasoline Shadows* biker gang.

- **Treasured Possessions:** His Triumph 3HW (1934 model) motorcycle, his double barrel 12-gauge shotgun, and a pair of brass knuckles.

- **Traits:** Cynical, greedy, loyal, and violent.

### **Gear & Possessions**

He has his normal clothing (jeans, shirts, leather jacket and cap), his motorcycle, brass knuckles, a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun, and plenty of ammo.

*The character picture is of Charles Farrell, an American actor (1900-1990).*