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TEENAGER SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN MURDER

Darius Sims of Detroit was ordered Friday to serve a 13- to 22-year sentence for his role in the murder last year of JaJuan Gardner on the east side of Detroit.

According to testimony before Wayne County Circuit Judge Carole Youngblood, **Sims**, 17, handed a gun to another teenager, who fatally shot Gardner, 16. **Sims** also was sentenced to an additional two years in prison for using a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Gardner's grandmother Baby Gee Joshua, who organizes marches on behalf of homicide victims, was featured last year in a Free Press story on Detroit's low arrest rate in homicides.

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