

5 CONVICTED , 1 ACQUITTED IN YOUNG BOYS INC . TRIAL

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A former Wayne County sheriff's deputy was **acquitted** Tuesday of federal racketeering and conspiracy charges **in** the **trial** of members of the **Young Boys Inc** . drug ring. Four other defendants were **convicted** of racketeering by the U.S. District Court jury, including a retired Highland Park police officer.

Henry Duvall, a 20-year veteran of the sheriff's department, and his attorney, Randall Roberts, hugged each other as the jury announced its verdicts after two days of deliberation.

The retired Highland Park police officer, Ralph Jackson, showed no emotion as he was **convicted** on a racketeering count along with Brenda Harris, Curtis Napier and Tommy Lee Chatfield. **Acquitted** on the charge was James Butler.

Another defendant, Ray Hernandez was **convicted** of conspiracy but the jury deadlocked on a conspiracy charge against Harris and a mistrial was declared on that count.

YBI was a city-wide heroin and cocaine ring believed to have been broken **in** 1982 when federal charges against 40 members resulted **in** 32 convictions.

Duvall was accused of passing information about police investigations to YBI leader Milton (Butch) Jones. Jackson was accused of accepting a \$10,000 bribe to drop an investigation against former YBI leader Raymond Peeples.

Those **convicted** Tuesday face up to 20 years **in** prison and a \$ 1 million fine on the racketeering charge and up to 15 years **in** prison and a \$250,000 fine on the conspiracy charge.

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