

YOUTH , 12 , IS CHARGED IN SHOOTING DEATH

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A **12**-year-old boy was **charged** Tuesday with accidentally **shooting** his 16-year-old friend to **death** while the teenager was trying to fix the video game they were playing.

The killing was one of four fatal **shootings in** Detroit Monday night. **In** addition, the body of an unidentified woman was found **in** the Brewster Projects, police said.

The **12**-year-old was **charged** with careless and reckless use of a firearm **in** the **shooting** of Randy Martin, 16. If convicted, the seventh-grader at Condon Middle School could be committed to the state Department of Social Services and sent to a training school. He **is** too young to be tried as an adult.

According to police reports filed **in** Wayne County Juvenile Court, the **youth** was playing with several other teenagers **in** a home **in** the 4100 block of Junction around 5 p.m. Monday.

A 17-year-old brought a .38-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver to the house and left it there. Several teens took turns loading and unloading the gun and pointing it at each other and pulling the trigger, according to the reports.

The gun was left on a coffee table while the **12**-year-old and Martin played Nintendo games. The **12**-year-old said that when the game wouldn't work, Martin tried to fix it. The boy said he picked up the gun, pointed it at Martin and "touched" the trigger.

Martin was dead on arrival at Henry Ford Hospital.

In the other killings, police said a 36-year-old man, whose identity was withheld pending notification of family, was found dead with a gunshot wound to the head at about 8 p.m. **in** a home **in** the 6500 block of Beechwood on the city's west side.

On the city's east side, Ervin Wilson, 42, was shot **in** the head just after 9 p.m. while driving near Girardin and Miller, police said. He was dead on arrival at Detroit Receiving Hospital. Another man **in** the car, Ellis Carson, 27, was shot **in** the head and was **in** stable condition at Detroit Receiving Hospital, police said.

Also on the east side, a woman found Gregory Hughes, 39, lying on the ground with a gunshot wound to the chest near East Philadelphia and Oakland at about 10 p.m., police said. He died **in** the emergency room at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Police found the body of an unidentified woman **in** a unit at Brewster Projects at about 6:00 p.m. while responding to a reported break- **in** . The cause of **death** hadn't been determined, police said.

A 38-year-old man was arrested at the scene.

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