

JURY ASKED: BUSINESSMAN OR PUSHER?

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A federal jury will have to decide whether **Sylvester** (Seal) **Murray** was the leader of the notorious Young Boys Inc. heroin ring or just a highly successful party store owner, automobile trader and real estate man who stored his money in basements.

Federal prosecutors charged in a month-long trial of **Murray** and three others before U.S. District Judge Ralph B. Guy Jr. that **Murray** ran the alleged multimillion-dollar heroin ring -- profiting greatly from it.

"All of the evidence in this case," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Morgan, one of two government prosecutors who argued the case, "relates to or points to Mr. **Murray** ."

But in closing arguments Friday, **Murray** 's attorney, Edward Bell, called the government's case "a diabolical plan to ensnare" a self-made, legitimate businessman.

The jury will begin deliberating Tuesday on the charges that **Murray** and the other defendants violated drug conspiracy and other laws.

THE EVIDENCE the government presented included: wiretaps of **Murray** talking on the phone and allegedly making drug deals; government agents' testimony that they found \$1.3 million and a lot of drugs last year in raids on two east side apartments and two west side houses **Murray** reportedly lived in or visited regularly, and an agent's testimony that **Murray** pulled up to a downtown Detroit gas station and assisted in an \$1,800 heroin deal.

Bell told jurors that all the evidence "didn't amount to a hill of beans."

Bell said the government had not proved conclusively that the \$1.3 million belonged to **Murray** and that even if they did, **Murray** could have made the money from party stores he owned.

Also on trial with **Murray** :

* Delos (Pete) Fulwylie: Government attorneys say Fulwylie sold heroin to a government agent on April 10 and April 28, 1981, and thus participated in the drug conspiracy.

Fulwylie's attorney, John L. Christensen, argued that agents did not positively identify his client.

* Velma Bailes: Government agents raided a west side Detroit home June 16, 1982, and confiscated \$610,744 in cash. Some \$18,000 of it was scattered in an upstairs bedroom, the rest of it in four basement safes.

Government attorneys say Bailes lived at the home, was a friend of **Murray** 's and let him store money in her basement. One government attorney jokingly told the jury this week that Bailes should have a sign "Bank of Velma Bailes," or "Bank of **Sylvester Murray** -- Velma Bailes Branch."

Seymour Floyd, her attorney, told jurors that Bailes may never have known the money was in the basement. Besides, Floyd said, "maybe Mr. **Murray** didn't like banks."

* Michael (Big Mike) Jenkins: Government attorneys said Jenkins helped store drugs for **Murray** in another west side house . Jerome Barney, Jenkins' attorney, told the jury that government agents did not prove that Jenkins lived in the house.

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