

\$100,000 IN JEWELRY SEIZED IN DRUG RAID

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Gaudy, solid gold, diamond-encrusted jewelry -- estimated to be worth about \$100,000 -- was among items confiscated Thursday during a police raid in Highland Park on a distribution house for the Young Boys Inc. heroin organization, police said.

Police arrested two men and a 15-year-old boy during the 8:15 a.m. raid at an apartment at 124 Ferris, behind the Highland Park High School athletic field. Two women taken into custody were later released.

Police said George H. Sanders, 43, and the juvenile were arrested in a cab outside the apartment building while allegedly making a drug delivery to the address. **Maurice Bell**, 20, was arrested inside a third-floor apartment.

Police also confiscated a handgun and 757 packets of heroin said to be worth about \$8,000 on the street.

THE HEROIN packets, bundled in stacks of 10 and stamped with the names "P-Funk" and "Raw Dog," were destined for street sales in the Brewster-Douglass public housing project near downtown Detroit, narcotics officers said.

Police said all but two pieces of the jewelry confiscated Thursday allegedly belonged to Bell, described by narcotics officers as a midlevel operative in the Young Boys group.

"I'd say (the jewelry) is worth about \$100,000," one narcotics officer said, "but that's probably a pretty low estimate.

Lt. Warren Harris, of the Detroit police narcotics section, said the jewelry would be appraised Friday by federal authorities for income tax purposes.

The jewelry included:

- * A two-inch gold medallion with 31 large and 221 small diamonds arranged in the symbol of Mercedes-Benz automobiles.
- * A two-inch-high solid gold ring with an inch-diameter top studded with 26 diamonds. The ring has a half-inch-deep compartment police said was used to store cocaine.
- * A gold ram's head pendant with nine large and 115 small diamonds.
- * A gold sphinx pendant with 31 large diamonds.

* A solid gold ring made in the shape of a map of the United States with diamonds placed in Washington state, California, Arkansas, Florida and New York as well as Michigan. Police believe the diamonds indicate that Young Boys Inc. has operations in those states. Such rings are given as gifts to distributors who turn high profits, narcotics officers said.

Police said \$2,560 in cash was also confiscated.

Young Boys Inc. set up operations in Detroit about four years ago. It is one of several heroin-dealing groups that use teenagers and children as street sellers in the city, police say.

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