

2 killed in suspected Detroit drug house : 1 other clings to life with head wound

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DETROIT -- Two people were shot and **killed** and a man was critically wounded while they slept **in** a **suspected drug house** on the northwest side **in** what police called a narcotics-related attack.

About 5:30 a.m. Thursday, a man removed a first-floor window and entered the home **in** the 7400 block of Pilgrim near San Juan. Police said they suspect the killer wanted to eliminate rivals and steal **drugs** and cash.

Once inside, the man fired an AK-47 rifle at the three as they slept. Bullets struck Kenyatta Martin, 21, Kareem Yarborough, 29, and Phellef McClellan, 21. Yarborough and Martin died Thursday night **in** Grace Hospital. McClellan was on life support at Grace Hospital.

Investigators found **drugs** and narcotics paraphernalia **in** the **house** . Police believe the gunman had been **in** the home before because he appeared to know his way around.

Neighbors said the shootings were the latest example of out-of-control **drug** dealers muscling into their neighborhood.

"They were shooting guns over there one time and hit my truck," said Marion Rucker, 71, pointing to a patch on his pickup's passenger-side rear fender.

Dorothy Peacher, 73, who has lived on Pilgrim for 20 years, tries to ignore the incessant gunfire. But last summer, a bullet whizzed through her home, sending Peacher and her dog scrambling to the floor for cover.

"I'm too old to worry about it. I just go about my business and keep out of the way of the younger people," she said. "It's all about the young people causing trouble."

Neighbor Harry Williams agreed.

"I heard the shots (Thursday morning) while I was taking a bath. I was so scared, I stayed **in** the bathtub."

Gwen Lenier, 67, who has lived on Pilgrim since 1972, said the block started to have problems after some older residents died and the new owners started renting the **houses** .

"I've been here all these years. I'm not scared to live here. It's not bad enough where I would move.

"Aside from the shootings, it's a pretty quiet neighborhood."

Caption: A police evidence technician removes items from a **house** on Pilgrim where three people were shot Thursday **in** what cops call an attack over **drugs** and money. James Borchuck /

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