

## 4 WOUNDED IN SHOOTING AT WEST SIDE APARTMENT

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Four people were shot early Monday, one critically, **at a west side Detroit apartment in** what police said appeared to be the latest **in** a series of drug-related **shootings** and homicides this month.

Deputy Police Chief James Younger and homicide Inspector Gerald Stewart said the **shootings** and deaths don't appear to be connected, and Stewart said the number of homicides this year appeared to be lower when compared with a similar period last year. He declined to give figures.

The recent **shootings** , Younger said, seem to revolve around "a bad drug debt, or a rip-off of a drug house."

He said, "we don't see any indication" of a struggle for territory or a turf war.

Police have said robbery was the motive when six people were killed **in** a suspected crack house **in** the 17800 block of St. Aubin Street on April 4 .

**In** Monday's **shooting** , four people were **wounded** about 3 a.m. **in** a building **in** the 1200 block of Calvert. Several neighbors said they believed drugs were being sold **at the apartment** . Stewart said the **shooting** seemed to stem over "some type of altercation over the selling of drugs."

A Henry Ford Hospital spokeswoman said Roscoe Penny, 22, was **in** critical condition with a gunshot wound **in** the chest. Alphonso Sims, 20, shot **in** the chest, was **in** stable condition. Adrian Dicks, 19, was **in** fair condition with graze wounds to the head and left leg. Donald Thompson, 25, was treated for gunshot wounds **in** the back and released.

One neighbor **at the apartment** building, who asked not to be identified for fear of retaliation, said he heard "about 15-16 shots" early Monday. The 24-year-old man said he heard people arguing **at the apartment** Saturday night and Sunday night, including a woman who said "I'll be back, I'll get your a--," before the Monday **shooting** .

Though there have been several drug-related **shootings** this month, Stewart said there does not appear to be any more drug- related homicides this year when compared with the last two years.

Among the violence this month were these incidents:

\* Gregory Trapp, 21, was killed and two other people were injured April 4 as the three reportedly were smoking crack cocaine. A fourth person pulled a gun and began firing, police said.

\* Rickey Brown, 33, was killed and two others **wounded** April 1 when **at** least one person jumped out of a car **in** the 20100 block of Andover and riddled a parked Mercedes-Benz with about 40 shots from a semiautomatic weapon. Neighbors said there was traffic **at** the house that suggested drug sales and use.

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