

A VICTIM IS MISSING IN TORTURE CASE SUSPECT ADMITS BEATING, WEEKLONG CONFINEMENT

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Detroit investigators, dealing with what they call one of their most brutal **cases**, are searching for the body of **a** 17-year-old who was kidnapped and tortured because his uncle allegedly had stolen **a** machine gun from some drug dealers.

Homicide officers say Carl Simpson was taken at gunpoint from an east side Coney Island two weeks ago.

The teen's mouth was duct-taped, his arms and legs hog-tied. He was beaten, starved and left **in** his own excrement on the floor of **a** dark, sizzling vacant apartment for at least seven days, police said.

David Watson, 27, and Rynell Davis, 18, the two men who police say abducted Simpson, were arraigned Friday only on kidnapping and firearms charges because **a** body has not been recovered. Watson admitted kidnapping and torturing Simpson, but denied killing him, police said.

"We've looked everywhere for him," homicide Investigator Barbara Simon said.

About 5 p.m. on June 11, two men wielding **a** baseball bat and an AK47 assault rifle chased Simpson under **a** table at Jefferson Coney Island at Jefferson and Marlborough. They threw him into the trunk of their car and sped off, police said.

Watson said they beat Simpson, threw him back **in** the trunk and carted him off to the uncle's house, where they let the man peek **in** at his tortured nephew and then drove away, Simon said.

According to Watson's confession, they spirited Simpson to an abandoned apartment near Gratiot and Houston-Whittier. They bought Vienna sausages and water for Simpson but he couldn't eat because blood was pouring from his mouth. They taped his mouth and limbs and left. Watson told police that he returned to the sweltering apartment about three days later and found Simpson still alive.

Four days after that, Watson told police, he returned again and found the youth still hanging on.

Simpson pleaded with the kidnapper: " 'I'm hot. I'm hot,' " Watson said.

Watson said when he went back three days later, Simpson was gone.

Police started investigating after Simpson's family reported him **missing** July 14.

When Officer Ira Todd of the Violent Crimes Task Force interrogated Watson he asked him, "Why did you leave him **in** a 80- to 90-degree abandoned apartment with no food, no water, laying **in** his own stool and urine for seven long, hot summer days?"

Watson replied: "Because I wanted my gun back, and if I took him to the doctor's, I was scared that he was going to tell the police on me."

The stolen weapon was a Calico 100-clip semiautomatic, police said.

After Watson confessed, authorities took police dogs to the apartment; officers searched the entire area but found nothing.

Anyone with information can call the Detroit Homicide Section at 1-313-596-2260 anytime.

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