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PONTIAC

3rd man arrested, charged in deaths

A third suspect in the June kidnappings and killings of two Pontiac men has been charged, police say.

Charles Ray Smith, 22, of Detroit is to be back in court today. He was arrested Thursday and charged the next day with murder, sexual assault and armed robbery among other felonies. If convicted, **Smith** could face life in prison. He is being held without bond.

Police say **Smith** and two other men - Steven Anthony Bard, 29, and Jonathon Phlegm, 24 - went to a home in Pontiac on June 5 demanding money and drugs. **Smith** is accused of sexually assaulting a 17-year-old girl in the home.

Cleveland Brown and Maurice Threlkeld were kidnapped, and their bodies were found inside Brown's truck in Detroit on June 6, police said.

Phlegm and Bard also were charged with multiple felonies and remain in custody.

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