

## **Cops give chilling details of boys ' slayings - Suspect claims fellow robber killed 2 kids after group found no money or cocaine, police testify.**

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DETROIT -- Sonya Renee O'Neal, angry about an earlier robbery and seeking easy money from a drug dealer flush with cash, stood over two **boys** and shot them dead when she and others couldn't find his money or cocaine, police said Friday.

O'Neal, 38, ordered one **of** her fellow robbers to kill the 12- and 13-year-old **boys** , who were lying on the floor **of** a drug house, police testified that one **of** the other defendants told them.

Police said the defendant, Charles Moore, 38, told them that when the man wouldn't shoot, O'Neal took the gun and did it herself.

Moore's statement was the most detailed **of** five differing accounts **of** the **slayings** on Mansfield Street.

While Moore, who is among those charged with murder, blamed O'Neal, others in the case said they were outside or out **of** view when the fatal shots were fired, police investigators testified during a preliminary examination in Detroit's 36th District Court.

Police said Torrisandois Lyons, 42, expressed remorse over the **slayings** while maintaining he was not the gunman.

"I'm sorry about the kids and my heart goes out to the family. I'm not a child killer," police said he told them.

Six people are charged in the February **slayings of** cousins Orlando Herron, 13, and Darren Johnson, 12. Ronel Thompson, the alleged drug dealer at the center **of** the robbery, was severely wounded in the same attack and remains hospitalized. The exam will continue May 14, when authorities hope the 23-year-old is able to testify.

Several **of** the alleged confessions suggested Thompson was targeted because a former high school classmate, Deandre Witherspoon II, 23, saw him with bags **of** cash and cocaine in his house. Thompson bragged he collected \$13,000 in a single night's work, investigators believe.

Tipped off by Witherspoon, the others planned to rob Thompson by first having him deliver 9 ounces **of** cocaine, police believe. They tied him up, stuffed him into the trunk **of** a car and headed back to the house where they believed he hid his drugs and money, police said.

Inside, Lyons, O'Neal, Moore and Robert Reed, 36, allegedly could not find more than small amounts **of** drugs. Thompson was repeatedly shot, though it was unclear by whom, because his robbers thought he was "playing" them.

Thompson maintained the money and more drugs were at a cousin's house on Mettetal Street.

Orlando and Darren, who were among the six people inside the Mansfield Street house, helped deal drugs for Thompson, according to the alleged confessions. Their families have insisted the **boys** were not involved.

Terry Blakely, 56, also faces charges and allegedly said he hid guns for Lyons.

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