

CRIMINAL RING IS BUSTED , POLICE SAY - 4 DETROIT MEN ARRESTED, 1 AT LARGE AND 1 DEAD

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The dismantling of a six-member **criminal** organization and the end of a yearlong reign of terror -- which included at least a dozen street robberies, a carjacking and a car theft -- was announced by police Friday.

Of the six Detroit suspects, four are in custody, one **is** dead, and one man, 18-year-old Jessie Stanley, remains at large.

On Dec. 7, five of the suspects used assault rifles and shotguns to rob the Corktown Inn on Trumbull and the Green Dot Stable on West Lafayette, police said. They stripped people of cash, credit cards, cellular phones and jewelry, police said.

The Violent Crimes Task Force, made up of Detroit police officers, State Police troopers, FBI agents and U.S. marshals, began an investigation the next day using records of the stolen credit cards and cell phones.

Three of the suspects -- Gregory Washington, 35, Rufus Lango, 33, and Stanley -- are accused of felony murder in connection with the Aug. 30 shooting of Martin Ngaima, 36, of Liberia outside Bobby G's Lounge on West Chicago.

Lango, Washington and Jerome Smith, 25, are accused of accidentally killing one of their own members during a June 26 robbery outside Three Nicks Bar on West Warren and Abbington.

A police report filed in court said Lango, Smith and Z'Ante McDonald, 15, were driving around the city that night looking for people to rob. They saw two men and a woman outside the bar.

Lango held the victims at gunpoint while the teenager went through their pockets, the report said.

Unexpectedly, the gun went off. The bullet grazed the head of one of the robbery victims, who survived, and then hit Z'Ante McDonald in the face, according to the police report. He died instantly.

"We want to emphasize that these arrests are indicative of the excellent police work routinely done by law enforcement officers in the city of Detroit," Detroit Police Cmdr. Craig Schwartz said.

Anyone with information on Stanley's whereabouts **is** asked to call Crimestoppers at 800-773-2587.

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