

DETROIT NARCOTICS RAID TURNS UP THE GOODS

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The north **Detroit** home didn't look like a typical crack house to **the Detroit** Police **raid** team. Gold-toned blinds on **the** windows, new-looking furniture, air conditioning.

But **the** unusually well-kept house on Hull near Lantz held one of **the best** catches Tuesday for teams of **narcotics** officers who raided 25 homes in **the** 10th, 11th and 12th precincts.

Hidden inside an entertainment cabinet were several bags containing dozens of apparent crack cocaine rocks -- about 3 ounces worth. In two jammed shoe boxes, police found hundreds of dollars.

The sweeps by about 100 officers were **the** latest installment of Operation Pressure Point, which focuses mass drug **raids** to particular parts of **the** city.

Overall, police Tuesday seized cocaine, heroin and marijuana worth about \$100,000 if **the** drugs had been peddled on **the** street. They arrested 50 people, from age 15 to a man in his 60s, and confiscated about \$10,000.

Police arrested two youths at **the** Hull home, but several who were congregated outside fled when **the raid** teams drove **up** . Police believe they had connections to **the** suspected crack house.

Police said charges will range from loitering to felony drug charges.

Officers found 27 guns and rifles in **the** homes, five of which were assault weapons.

Operation Pressure Point, run by **narcotics** division Cmdr. Rudy Thomas, Lt. Clinton Kirkwood and Lt. Bryan Turnbull, has had about 40 installments since **the** program began in May 1989.

The show of force by police lets dealers feel their presence, Thomas said. And it helps relieve **the** fears of citizens who have complained about drug activity in their neighborhoods, he said.

The 10th is **the** Livernois precinct, 11th is Davison, **the** 12th is Palmer Park.

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