

East side raid nets \$ 1 million in drugs

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DETROIT -- Narcotics officers raided an **east side drug** supplier Wednesday, confiscating **\$ 1 million in drugs** , **\$50,000 in** cash and assault rifles.

Detroit Police raided several houses along Canton near **East Vernor** after a month of surveillance, said Sgt. Betty Roland of the department's Conspiracy Intelligence Section.

"This was the best time to hit him," she said, noting that noon time **raids** were the best opportunity to catch the suspect. "He had a nice set up."

Police arrested the man, who is **in** his 30s and on parole, Roland said. She said he owned several homes on Canton, including one that featured a bullet-proof bedroom door, metal gates on closet doors, security cameras and motion detectors.

One of the homes was fortified and had a secret entrance to a hidden room.

The suspect also had access to police radio codes and evaded capture previously. Police Wednesday used cellular phones to coordinate their **raids** instead of radios, Roland said.

"He must have an electronics background," she said.

In addition, police said the suspect operated a fencing ring selling new stolen merchandise including computers, televisions, audio equipment and weights. Police hauled them off **in** rented trucks.

Police officials touring the raided homes were amazed at the suspect's collection of assault weapons, some affixed with laser sights. Mounds of cocaine were out lying on dishes and there were about 3,000 packets filled with heroin **in** small plastic bags.

"Those are full?" asked Police Chief Benny Napoleon as he walked through one of the houses. "Man, somebody was going to have a party."

The suspect is **in** jail and facing **drug** and weapons charges and, if convicted, up to life **in** prison.

Narcotics officials said the suspect supplied **drugs** to much of the lower **east side** .

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