

HOUSE ON DETROIT-GROSSE POINTE BORDER HAD 27 GUNS , DRUGS

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An unusual Thanksgiving Day raid **on** a Detroit home by Grosse **Pointe** police found **27 guns** , large and small bags of cocaine and marijuana, explosives, a police officer's badge, a bulletproof vest, stolen property, including a brand-new furnace, and a freight truck.

The home, just across the Grosse **Pointe border on** Detroit Street near Cadieux and Mack, appeared to be the headquarters of a major **drug** dealing operation, Grosse **Pointe** Detective Ronald Wiczorek said.

With the help of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, the Grosse **Pointe** Harper Woods Response Team busted into the home at about 8 a.m.

The suspected **drug** dealer was arrested and now faces multiple charges. His son and his cousin were also arrested, but were questioned and released.

"The real jaw-dropper was that the cousin is in school studying law enforcement, and she regularly visited the home to use the Internet to study law enforcement," Wiczorek said.

Wiczorek said a sophisticated video monitoring system - which **had** monitors in the man's bedroom and cameras surveying the street, the alley and various views from the **house** - was pointless because the 40-year-old man was strung out **on drugs** and not paying attention when police arrived. He tripped **on** his pants when they fell down as he tried to flee.

The raid and arrests were unusual because they occurred outside the city's **border** . With the knowledge of the Detroit Police Department, Grosse **Pointe** set up surveillance of the **house on** Thanksgiving eve.

That night, one by one, five Grosse Pointers in their 20s and 30s were stopped in their cars after buying **drugs** there and arrested.

The five buyers told police all about the dealer known as Rico.

"We really feel like there was a big public safety interest here ... People from all over the suburbs and from Detroit were buying **drugs** here," he said.

Police officials said they were disappointed that 36th District Court Judge Robert Costello gave the man a \$4,000 bond, even after police expressed concern he might flee and after Costello himself said he believed the charges warranted a high bond.

The man's next court date is Dec. 7.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is now involved in the investigation because of the large number of **guns** , including Uzis, shotguns, and handguns, as well as explosives that the man wore in a grenade belt, police said.

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