

Man sentenced for drug house deaths - First of six defendants pleads guilty to his role in execution-style slaying of two Detroit boys.

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DETROIT -- Charles Moore, a 39-year-old father of six children, will spend the next 20 to 30 years of his life in prison **for** a robbery in which two boys were executed.

Moore was paid \$200 and a bag of crack cocaine **for** his role in the crime.

On Tuesday, Moore sat calmly in a witness chair in Wayne Circuit Court and in a voice devoid of emotion described to jurors how Sonya O'Neal, 38, led him, Robert Reed, 36, and three others to a **drug house** on Mansfield on Feb. 23.

Minutes after they stormed into the **house** brandishing guns, 11-year-old Darren Johnson and 13-year-old Orlando Herron were shot in the head, and their **drug** -dealer cousin, Ronell Thompson, 23, was shot in the abdomen.

O'Neal and Reed are on trial on multiple murder, kidnapping and robbery charges. Moore, who confessed and implicated the others when he was arrested in February, accepted a prosecutor's plea bargain and testified against the others. He said he was in the basement searching **for drugs** and money when he heard a shot and ran upstairs.

"Sonya O'Neal was standing over the two kids on the floor. I saw Reed standing over Ronell," he said. He said Reed held a rifle on Thompson, whose hands were duct taped behind his back.

Another defendant, Torrisandois Lyons, had a Tech 9 automatic pistol.

He said O'Neal yelled at Lyons to shoot the boys, shouting expletives **for** emphasis.

Moore testified that Lyons responded: "I'm not shooting no kids."

He said O'Neal grabbed the gun from Lyons and shot the boys. "It just went pow, pow, pow-pow," Moore said. One boy was shot once; the other, three times. Reed shot Thompson at the same time, he said.

Moore said although they did not get any money or **drugs**, he pocketed a 9 mm pistol, a diamond watch, a diamond chain with a cross, a **drug** -encrusted whisk used **for** mixing cocaine, and all the cell phones he could find. "I took it to get more crack," he said in response to questioning by Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Christine Kowal.

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