

## **MURDER SUSPECT A DEALER TOO , POLICE SAY - \$1.3 MILLION IN MARIJUANA FOUND IN HIS DETROIT HOME**

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Detroit police were thrilled to get a slaying **suspect** with a violent temper off the streets this week. But what they didn't initially realize was that they may have also busted a major marijuana supplier.

After arresting 24-year-old Jamal Warlick on Wednesday night on a **murder** charge and two counts of intent to **murder** , police obtained a search warrant for his Detroit home on the 4400 block of Larchmont. Inside, officers found 567 pounds of pot in garbage bags, with a street value of \$1.3 million. Officers also found seven assault weapons.

"He's definitely someone we wanted off the streets," police spokesman James Tate said Thursday. "It appears that he is the main individual in a local marijuana production operation."

Warlick, who got out of prison in January after serving five years on a home invasion conviction, was on the Detroit Police Department's Most Violent Persons list.

He is in police custody pending arraignment.

He's accused of shooting Antoine Lawson, 20, in the chest, killing him March 12 in the lobby of Bronco Lanes in Warren after a fight between rival groups escalated, according to Warren police.

In Detroit, he's accused of shooting two people Oct. 5 at the State Fair Lounge on Hoover in Detroit. Warlick allegedly traded gunfire with another man after a dispute in the bar and wounded two people, police said.

Detroit officers who are part of a regional violent crimes task force had been tracking Warlick and arrested him at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at a gas station at West Grand Boulevard and Grand River in Detroit, Tate said.

Over the summer, Police Chief Ella Bully-Cummings launched a Most Violent Persons initiative in which pictures of 25 at-large **suspects** are placed on large posters and public assistance is requested.

In the Warlick case, "the families of his victims can now begin to heal their emotional wounds," Tate said.

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Jamal Warlick is one of 25 people on the department's Most Violent Persons list.

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