

POLICE RAID CLOSES 2 MORE DRUG HOUSES 'WE'RE STARTING TO GET TO THE MAJOR PLAYERS,' CHIEF NAPOLEON SAYS

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Detroit **police** netted nearly \$900,000 in marijuana, cocaine and heroin; weapons, including a rocket launcher; expensive cars and about \$70,000 in cash in two east-side **raids** Wednesday.

The two raided homes were owned by the same person, whom **police** arrested on **drug** charges but did not identify. He was at home on the 2400 block of Canton when **police** entered and seized electronics equipment, including big-screen televisions, VCRs, computers, microwaves, pagers and stereos. A Lincoln Town Car, Corvette and an expensive sport-utility vehicle were also seized as **drug** -related assets subject to forfeiture, along with fur coats and mink pants.

The other home, in the 3100 block of Canton, yielded about 20 guns; a rocket launcher; \$400,000 in cocaine; \$360,000 in heroin; \$100,000 in marijuana, \$70,000 in cash and **police** scanners.

A woman, who **police** say is the man's girlfriend, and children were at the **house** .

'We have someone who is fairly high up in the **drug** trade in the city of Detroit," **Police** Chief Benny Napoleon said. "We've stepped up narcotics enforcement, and these guys are feeling the pressure every day, and it's not going to stop.

"We're starting to get to the major players," he said. "They operate in the neighborhoods because in the past they didn't feel the heat. But these guys are not going to make a business of poisoning our kids."

Napoleon said **police** had been watching the homes for months.

As officers loaded the seized goods into large trucks Wednesday, neighbors on both blocks came out to watch. Some cheered and clapped.

"We've had people knock on the door looking for the **drug house** ," said Shirley Lewis, who lives on the 2400 block. "Something has to be done. It's just sad, but it seems that as soon as they **close** down one, the dealers open up another one right down the street."

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A **policeraid** of two homes in Detroit turned up nearly \$900,000 worth of **drugs** , weapons and electronics.

When cops carried goods from this **house** in the 2400 block of Canton on Wednesday, neighbors came out to cheer.

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