

POLICE SAY LANDLORD WAS SHOT IN GANG RIVALRY

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A **Detroit** man who rented his east side house to rival **drug gangs** was gunned down in a dispute over who was going to be allowed to sell crack cocaine from the house, police said Wednesday.

Louis Cecil McGhee, 46, was killed Monday afternoon in a hail of bullets from two semiautomatic weapons allegedly fired by two teenagers inside McGhee's home in the 13600 block of Cedargrove.

The two youths, aged 16 and 17, kicked in the door of the home and ordered two women inside to leave, just before the teenagers fired more than two dozen bullets into a bedroom where McGhee had fled, police said. A bullet that traveled through the wall struck McGhee in the back, killing him, police said.

The 16-year-old was charged in Wayne County Juvenile Court Wednesday with first-degree murder, felony murder, burglary and possession of a firearm. The 17-year-old, legally an adult, was in police custody, and the 20-year-old co-leader of a small east side **drug ring** was sought, police said.

According to police reports filed in Juvenile Court, McGhee had arranged to let a **drug ring** run by the 20-year-old man and the man's brother and mother sell crack cocaine from McGhee's home for \$100 a week. McGhee had agreed to bring customers to the home, the reports say.

The **gang** installed a 17-year-old in the home to sell crack, but the youth spent more time chasing girls than selling dope, according to witnesses. Many of the customers McGhee brought to his house went away dissatisfied by the service, the witnesses said.

Because business was bad, the **drug gang** failed to pay McGhee one week's rent. Witnesses told police that McGhee decided to rent the house to another **drug gang** that would pay him \$150 a week, plus \$350 to act as doorman on Sundays.

That **gang** had a more businesslike young woman selling crack from McGhee's house and business was brisk, witnesses told police. But the other **drug gang** noticed the heavy traffic and its leader decided to get back at McGhee, witnesses said.

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