

## **2ND SUSPECT CHARGED IN SHOOTING DEATH OF HAZEL PARK MAN**

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Two men have been charged with murder in the Dec. 18 shooting death of a suburban man during a drug-related robbery in Detroit.

**Reaves Young**, 40, of Detroit was arraigned Friday in 36th District Court in Detroit in the fatal shooting of Charles Roberts, 36, of Hazel Park.

An alleged accomplice, John Charles Ransom, 38, of Detroit was arraigned last week on the same charges: first-degree murder, armed robbery and possession of a firearm during a felony.

According to the police report filed in court, this is what happened:

Detroit police found Roberts' body in a bedroom of a house in the 14800 block of State Fair at about 9:15 p.m. Dec. 18.

Homicide investigators learned that Roberts had gone to the home several hours earlier with a 29-year-old Clinton Township woman to smoke crack. Police said Ransom was the woman's boyfriend.

When Ransom and Young came to the home, Ransom became angry because Roberts was there. Ransom confronted his girlfriend, who was naked and claimed she was preparing to take a bath.

Ransom forced Roberts into a rear room, said Sgt. Charles V.R. Clark of the homicide section.

At gunpoint, Ransom ordered his girlfriend to go with Young and search Roberts' van for money and drugs. The woman told police that when they came back into the house they could smell gun smoke.

The two men then allegedly beat and kicked Roberts and took everything from his pockets before leaving in the victim's van, the report said.

Roberts died of a single gunshot wound to the abdomen and blunt-force trauma to his head and chest.

Detroit police arrested Ransom on Dec. 21. Young, also known as David Jerome Young, was arrested Thursday while driving the stolen van.

The two suspects were being held without bond in the Wayne County Jail pending a Jan. 5 preliminary examination.

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