

3 CHARGED IN OAKLAND COUNTY COCAINE CASE

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Three men were charged Thursday with storing 30 kilograms to 50 kilograms of cocaine at a time in Oakland County for sale in the county and in Detroit by the **Kalasho** drug-trafficking organization.

"They were grossing \$1 million a month wholesale," said Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson.

The indictment, handed down by a citizens grand jury, also charges that after **Harry Kalasho** was killed in January 1989, the trio went into business for themselves, transporting cocaine from Florida for sale in Oakland County.

Circuit Judge Robert Anderson on Thursday ordered \$2-million cash bonds each for Haitham (John) Kafanden, 29, an Iraqi national and former owner of My Party Store on Elizabeth Lake Road in Waterford Township, and for LeRoy Arquette Jr., 25, and Arthur Webermin, 29, each of Pontiac. All were in the Oakland County Jail.

Their indictment charges that they stashed the drugs at Kafanden's store and at Village Green Apartments, also in Waterford Township, and sold cocaine from both locations.

Their cases and an unrelated 50-gram cocaine case against Angelo Boji, 19, of Southfield, were the latest indictments returned by the grand jury that is in its second six-month term. Boji was released on a \$50,000 personal bond.

The two citizens grand juries currently impaneled in Oakland County have indicted 35 people, Thompson said. Of those, 29 were on drug charges and all but nine of that group face mandatory life sentences if convicted, he said.

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