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Top thug in drug ring gets 20 years

The leader of the Detroit Thug Lordz drug ring was sentenced to 20 years in prison Friday in federal court in Detroit.

Although **Isaias Quesada**, 24, of Detroit was facing a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years, U.S. District Judge David Lawson enhanced the sentence because he was the leader of the gang, used children as young as 12 to distribute drugs and possessed firearms.

Lawson sentenced a member of the gang, Omar Gladson, 21, of Detroit to 18 years in prison. Authorities found him hiding in a bedroom when they searched a stash house in Detroit.

The gang operated on the city's northwest side.

Seven other people indicted in the case pleaded guilty and received sentences ranging from probation to 12 years in prison.

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