

2 CHARGED IN OFFICER'S SLAYING 4TH SUSPECT ARRESTED IN ASSAULT-RIFLE ATTACK

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Police late Monday arrested a fourth **suspect** and are holding him for questioning **in** the slaying of a Detroit police officer and the critical wounding of another.

Police also said late Monday that the mother of a fifth **suspect** is a retired Detroit police officer, but declined to give any additional details.

Police declined to name the newly arrested man or detail his involvement **in** Saturday night's gunfire **ambush** of the officers' cars.

The fifth **suspect** -- James Langford, 24 -- whom police described as a possible key to the investigation, is still being sought. Police did not release his mother's name, but said she retired from the force. It was not known how long ago she retired or what rank or position she held.

Earlier Monday, two men who previously turned themselves **in**, Darryl Boggon and Jamal Randle, were described by authorities as cold, calculating criminals who began their Saturday evening by kidnapping a 12-year-old boy and his mother and demanding \$100,000 ransom.

Boggon, 34, and Randle, 27, both of Detroit, stood stone-faced Monday at their 36th District Court arraignment as they were told they were being **charged** with murder and kidnapping, among several other charges.

Meanwhile, the third **suspect** arrested by police, Thomas Culbreth, remains **in** police custody. Police officials said they are still interviewing him and the fourth man.

Officer Shawn Bandy, 23, died Sunday night after his family removed him from life support. He was shot **in** the face by an AK47 while chasing a van connected with the kidnapping. Police say Randle was the triggerman and Boggon and two others, possibly Culbreth and Langford, were along for the ride.

Bandy was the first Detroit officer killed **in** the line of duty since 1996 and the 206th killed **in** city history.

Another officer, Lloyd Todd, 34, remains **in** critical condition; he also was shot **in** the face. His boss said Todd lost an eye but his prognosis is improving.

Athena Akins and her son were kidnapped Saturday to get repayment **on** a drug debt, said a police official close to the case who requested anonymity.

According to court documents, four men **in** a white van with green stripes arrived at Akins' house, **in** the 13000 block of Carlisle around 9 p.m. They blocked Akins and her son **in** their driveway, showed them a gun and forced them to get into the van. The masked men drove about a block before taking a National City bank card and house keys from Akins. They then drove to a bank, withdrew \$400 and demanded she tell them her house alarm code.

The men drove back to the house, documents state, and left Akins and her son lying **on** the van floor. Using Akins' keys and alarm code, they entered her house. They paged Akins' boyfriend, Eric Anthony, and demanded \$100,000 **in** 10 minutes for the release of the woman and boy. According to documents, the men told Anthony to put the money **in** a paper bag and leave it at the corner of Collingham and Schoenherr.

Police said Anthony delivered \$5,000 cash to the location. He saw Boggon pick it up, the document states. He watched Boggon return to the van, and he saw Randle inside. Anthony then called police. Akins and her son were dropped off.

Later, police were searching for the van when they came upon it not far from the kidnap scene, and the occupants opened fire.

In 1992, Randle was **charged** with malicious destruction of personal property, less than \$100, and the case was dismissed. He is facing a domestic violence charge from this year.

In 1997, Boggon was convicted of possession of a controlled substance, less than 25 grams. He was **on** probation.

They are being held **in** the Wayne County Jail without bond.

But Boggon's relatives say police have the wrong guy. At Monday's arraignment, they said Boggon planned to go out with his brother and sister- **in** -law that night and was at home doing laundry.

Boggon's and Randle's preliminary hearings are set for Dec. 21.

Slain officer recalled

Officer Bandy had only one goal **in** life: to be a good **cop** like the father he idolized.

Along the way, Bandy took time out to hunt, listen to heavy metal music by bands such as Metallica, tell jokes, smoke premium cigars and play with his two Rotweiller dogs.

Bandy died Sunday night after his family decided to remove him from life support. Bandy's father is Sgt. Max Bandy.

The younger Bandy always wanted to be the first officer at a scene.

"He just always wanted to make his dad proud," said Officer Scott Shea, 27, who was his scout car partner at the 10th (Livernois) Precinct.

Bandy had recently transferred to the 9th (Gratiot) Precinct because he wanted to be **in** an area of the city where there was more action.

Officer Keri Smith, 24, said Bandy was her first partner. She said Bandy taught her all there was to learn.

Bandy and his fiancée, Becky, were planning to marry **on** a cruise next month, she said.

"He was so great to everyone -- anything you needed, Shawn would do it for you," said Smith, who arriving for work Monday to see the flag at half-staff and began to cry.

Lt. Edward Williams, Todd's supervisor, said Todd is a low-key and serious officer. He works **in** the precinct's special operations or plain clothes unit, focusing mainly **on** breaking and entering.

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Shawn Bandy

Lloyd Todd

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