

YOUTH HOSPITALIZED , TWO HELD IN \$ 100 MURDER -FOR-HIRE CASE

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A Detroit woman and her estranged husband were charged **in** 36th District Court Thursday with hiring a 16-year-old **youth** to kill the woman's former boyfriend for \$ **100** .

The couple was charged with first-degree **murder** and conspiracy to commit **murder in** the bizarre killing of Robert Brock, 33, while all four were **in** a northbound van on Greenfield about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Cathy Rider, 26, who lives on Weaver, and Stanley Rider, 28, who lives on Forrest, were **held in** lieu of \$150,000 bond each, set by 36th District Judge Ricardo Lubiensi.

The 16 -year-old, who police said was shot **in** the chest **in** a struggle with Brock, was reported **in** stable condition Thursday at Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital.

Homicide Sgt. Kenneth Day said he planned to seek to have the **youth** charged as an adult.

COURT RECORDS show the alleged **murder** contract was for \$ **100** , although police would not confirm that figure. But Homicide Inspector Gilbert Hill said, "It was a ridiculous amount for a human life, I can tell you that."

Day said the woman had complained to Rider that Brock was bothering her.

According to police, the couple planned the killing and bought the bullets because the **youth** was too young to buy them.

Tuesday night, the three were at a west side home where Brock joined them and asked for a ride home, Day said.

While Stanley Rider drove the van with Cathy Rider sitting next to him, Brock and the 16-year-old sat **in** the rear, Day said.

Brock was shot **in** the left shoulder as the van neared Tyler, police said.

THOUGH BROCK was mortally wounded, he fought for control of the pistol, police said.

Rider left his former wife to steer from the passenger's side, as he went to the back of the van, police said.

In the three-way struggle , the gun fired twice, hitting Brock and the 16-year-old each once, police said.

When the van crashed into a Detroit Edison utility pole at Greenfield and Tyler, witnesses told police, the couple ran north on Greenfield.

The Riders are **in** Wayne County Jail pending a preliminary examination Aug. 13.

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