

5 ' Joy Road ' drug gang members sentenced for crack cocaine conspiracy

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DETROIT -- Five local men were **sentenced** in federal court Monday following an investigation of their involvement in a **drug** -dealing **gang** that distributed crack cocaine throughout the city, authorities announced.

U.S. District Court Judge David M. Lawson **sentenced** Gary Tranell Young (a.k.a. "GY"), 24, to at least 20 years in prison for his role as the **gang** 's organizer and leader; Isaac Terrell Spencer (a.k.a. "Ike"), 24, Reginald Jermaine Gilder (a.k.a. "JR"), 24, and Anthony Shane Mack (a.k.a. "Free"), 27, each received 60 months; and Scott Jarad McDuffie (a.k.a. "Cuz"), 22, was **sentenced** to 48 months.

Each defendant pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

They had been identified as **members** of the " **Joy Road** " **gang** through an investigation by TIDE (Tactical Intelligence Driven Enforcement), led by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Detroit Police Department.

Michigan State Police and the **Drug** Enforcement Administration also assisted.

"Today's sentences demonstrate the great results that can be achieved when federal, state and local law enforcement work together as a team, as we do in Project TIDE, to fight violent crime in northwest Detroit," U.S. Attorney Stephen J. Murphy said in a statement. "The commitment of the partners in this endeavor has been extraordinary. With our success in northwest Detroit, we hope to expand the TIDE initiative to other areas of the city."

The operation was run in tandem with the investigation of another Detroit **drug** dealing **gang** called "Detroit Thug Lordz." The year-long investigation resulted in the federal indictments of 13 people, according to the ATF.

In 2006, the **gang** was infiltrated by an undercover ATF agent, who purchased guns and crack cocaine from **members** by calling via a "dial-for-dope" method, officials said.

The ATF estimates that the **gang** , which operated near **Joy Road** and used many different telephone numbers, earned about \$10 million during its three-year operation.

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