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The FBI on Wednesday searched two clubhouses in Detroit and one in Lansing owned by the **Highwaymen Motorcycle Club**, the agency said in a news release.

The searches were part of a lengthy and ongoing investigation into racketeering, drug dealing and other alleged crimes by the **club**.

Clubhouses searched using federal warrants were at 4527 Michigan and 16931 Schoolcraft in Detroit and at 3208 S. Martin Luther King Blvd., Ste. 2, in Lansing, the FBI said.

Special Agent Sandra Berchtold, a spokeswoman for the FBI, would not say what was seized in the **raids**. The affidavits supporting the search warrants remain under seal, she said.

Detroit police, the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, and Brownstown Township police also participated in the **raids**, the news release said.

The FBI says the **club** is an outlaw motorcycle gang, a charge a spokesman for the **club** denies.

Several members and associates already face drug conspiracy charges and are awaiting trial.

Federal prosecutors have promised a larger and more sweeping indictment that could involve close to 100 defendants. Last month, U.S. District Judge Nancy G. Edmunds said the drug trial will go ahead in April if prosecutors have not brought a new indictment by the end of February.

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