

## ALLEGED DRUG KINGPIN HAD MAYORAL DECAL, COPS SAID

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Reputed cocaine lord **Harry Kalasho** had a card identifying him as a member of Mayor Coleman Young's security staff in the windshield of his luxury car when he was gunned down a year ago, according to police reports on the killing.

Mayoral spokesman Bob Berg said Wednesday the card, reading "Mayor's Security Staff," was a photocopy of window identification cards the detail had used since 1973 or before.

"We have no idea how he got it," Berg said. "The design is no longer valid. It was pulled the minute that one was found and new ones have been issued."

Berg said **Kalasho** 's card was an unauthorized reproduction.

Real or bogus, **Kalasho** 's window card was enough to prompt the police officers at the shooting scene to broadcast an alert that the incident might involve a member of the mayor's elite personal protection unit, persons familiar with the investigation said.

Berg said it couldn't be determined how **Kalasho** got the card.

Confirmation of rumors that **Kalasho** had some sort of law enforcement or city credentials when he was killed came Wednesday during the trial of **Kalasho** 's alleged killer, Raed Jihad.

In a jesting comment before Wayne Circuit Judge Richard Hathaway, defense lawyer David Griem said he assumed it was just a coincidence that **Kalasho** had the security placard and that the controversial Detroit police jet was carrying two of **Kalasho** 's top lieutenants, witnesses to the killing, when it crashed landed Saturday.

The card -- about 4-by-8 inches -- is issued to members of the mayor's security detail for use on official business.

**Kalasho** , 24, was killed as he climbed into his car.

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