

## TESTIMONY DESCRIBES CONTRACT DRUG KILLING

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Alleged teenage drug dealer **Mark McCloud** was sorry other people got shot when his \$3,000 contract killing of Marlin (Gooch) Underwood was carried out, according to testimony Friday in Detroit 36th District Court.

**McCloud** , 19, his brother Larry, 30; Willie (Little Willie) Merriweather, 32; Scott Crump, 19, and Brian (Q) Sinclair, 18, were ordered to stand trial on first-degree murder and conspiracy to murder charges in the March 2 machine-gun slaying of Underwood, 21; Stacy Gist, 22 and Duuan Summers, 20. A fourth shooting victim, Paul Doniver, 20, lived to testify in court Friday.

The victims, who had their hands tied to their ankles, were shot with an AK47 automatic rifle in a house in the 15800 block of Coyle by Merriweather, testified Frederick Hammond, who took part in the killing. Hammond, 41, testified in exchange for a promise of a 10-to-20-year sentence on a reduced charge of second-degree murder. He has not entered a plea.

**Mark McCloud** "was disappointed that Stacy had to die," Hammond testified.

If, convicted, the five defendants face life sentences without parole.

Hammond testified that **Mark McCloud** "wanted Gooch hit" and offered Merriweather \$3,000 to do it. According to testimony, both men dealt drugs and Underwood owed a debt to **Mark McCloud** .

When Merriweather said, "I'll take care of it," Hammond testified, Sinclair handed him the loaded AK47, saying "It's ready to rock 'n' roll."

Hammond said Crump directed him and Merriweather to a house where Underwood was expected, but Underwood never appeared.

Two nights later, using an address supplied by Larry **McCloud** , Hammond said he and Merriweather went to the Coyle Street home where they found the two women. When Underwood and Doniver arrived, all four were tied up, face-down, on the dining room floor.

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