

## FUGITIVE IS CHARGED IN SLAYING NEAR GM BUILDING

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A 20-year-old Detroit man, allegedly working for a murder- for-hire gang, was **charged** Tuesday **in** fatal shooting of a suspected drug dealer near General Motors headquarters last week.

Terrance Brown, 20, said to be part of the Best Friendsgang, **is** at large and extremely dangerous, according to a memo circulated through the Detroit Police Department. The charges are the first against Brown involving murder. But police say other gang members have been hired **in** the past to kill narcotics dealers immersed **in** turf wars.

Police said James Lamont, 30, was shot **in** the neck at 2:45 p.m. Thursday near Cass Avenue and West Grand Boulevard as he stopped his Suzuki Sidekick at a red light. Two men **in** a burgundy car drove up alongside and the passenger fired several shots from a semiautomatic weapon and drove off, police said.

Terrance Brown's brother, Reginald Brown formerly led the gang but **is** serving a life sentence for killing a close associate of convicted drug dealer Richard Wershe Jr., police said.

According to investigators who spoke on condition of anonymity, Lamont -- said to be a former Wershe associate -- was an up-and-coming player on the Detroit drug scene.

Police described Terrance Brown as 6 feet 2, 240 pounds.

Anyone with information about Brown's whereabouts **is** asked to call the Detroit Police Homicide Section at 596-2260, anytime.

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Terrance Brown

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