

REPUTED DRUG ENFORCER PLEADS GUILTY IN SHOOTING

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Reputed Young Boys Inc. enforcer Kurt (Kurt **McGurk**) Napier pleaded guilty Thursday to attempted murder **in** a 1983 **shooting** .

Napier, 20, who is **in** prison on a federal narcotics conviction and who has been labeled "Public Enemy No. 1" by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, entered a "no deal, on-the nose" plea, according to the Prosecutor's Office. Napier also **faces** a murder charge **in** connection with a 1983 slaying and a narcotics charge for delivery of heroin, a spokesman for the prosecutor said.

The attempted murder charge carries a maximum penalty of life **in** prison.

Sentencing is set for April 11.

NAPIER WAS scheduled to go on **trial** next Wednesday before Recorder's Court Judge Thomas Jackson for the May 12, 1983, **shooting** of Gregory Kendricks. Napier's attorney, W. Otis Culpepper, contacted Recorder's Court Wednesday suggesting the plea. On Thursday, acting **chief** Recorder's Court Judge Dalton Roberson reassigned the case to Judge David Hobson.

Before court began, Culpepper said that "our estimate of the case is that it's the best thing to do **in** light of the circumstances. If I plead him, I think he can get less time."

HOBSON ALMOST refused the plea when Napier told him **in** court that he "just meant to hurt" Kendricks, "not kill him."

Hobson said, "Very well, back to Judge Jackson for **trial** ."

After a short conference with Culpepper, Napier changed his story, telling Hobson, "I tried to kill him."

Kendricks told police that Napier fired seven or eight shots at him with .45-caliber handgun during the incident.

Napier also pleaded guilty to using a firearm **in** a felony, which carries a mandatory two-year sentence.

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