

YOUNG BOYS INC . RING 20 PLEAD GUILTY IN DOPE TRIAL

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Twenty alleged members of **Young Boys Inc .**, the Detroit heroin **ring** , had pleaded **guilty** to various charges by a Monday deadline set by a federal judge.

Court officials said that five entered their **guilty** pleas Monday, primarily on charges of conspiracy and of conducting a continuing criminal enterprise.

Barring pleas late Monday, 17 defendants will go on **trial** on conspiracy charges April 25 before U.S. District Judge Ralph Guy Jr. Another four people have been sought as fugitives since 41 people were indicted Dec . 7.

THE KEY defendant is Sylvester (Seal) Murray, 30, of Detroit who is being held **in** lieu of \$10 million cash bail at the federal prison at Milan. Murray appeared Monday before Guy **in** a pre - **trial** hearing that is expected to continue Tuesday.

Murray is accused of being the main heroin supplier for what police believe was a \$7.5 million-a-week business involving 350 drug dealers, many of them teenagers.

Last week, the other alleged top leader of **Young Boys** , Milton (Butch) Jones, 27, of Oak Park pleaded **guilty** to conducting a continuing criminal enterprise **in** a deal **in** which he will serve 12 years and will not have to testify against Murray or other defendants or co-operate with prosecutors.

In the hearing Monday for Murray, Jones refused to incriminate Murray and other alleged members of **Young Boys** .

The federal conspiracy case against the 41 alleged middle- and upper-level managers of **Young Boys** was an outgrowth of an investigation by Detroit police dating back to 1978.

Police estimated last year that **Young Boys** had gross annual revenues of about \$400 million.

Although none of those **in** the federal **trial** is charged with violent crimes, the group was believed to be responsible for numerous, sometimes nightly, shootings. One of its alleged victims was an undercover officer, William Green, who was fatally shot **in** March 1982.

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