

SUSPECTED DRUG RING BAR RAIDED

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Eighteen people were being held on various charges Monday after police **raided** a west side Detroit **bar suspected** of being a hangout for members of the Young Boys Inc. heroin **ring** .

Police had been watching the **bar** for several days after receiving telephone tips about the activities of the heroin **ring** . A police official said tips about the group have increased since the slaying last week of a Detroit police officer. The suspect in the shooting is believed to be a member of Young Boys Inc.

POLICE SAID the 18 were among 57 people arrested about 1 a.m. Monday at Ocie's Disco Lounge at 8202 Fenkell shortly after a passerby flagged down a cruiser car and told police minors were being served alcohol at the **bar** .

Police said nine people held after the raid were 17-year- olds who were violating the city's juvenile curfew ordinance. Four others -- including the 50-year-old manager of the **bar** -- were held on concealed-weapons charges, four were held on outstanding traffic warrants and one was held for possessing stolen property.

Eight handguns were confiscated, police said. The names of the suspects were not released.

A police official said that, in addition to the tip from the passerby, police had received earlier tips that the **bar** was being used as a hangout for **suspected** members of the heroin **ring** . "If you say we believe it (the **bar**) to be a Young Boys hangout, you would be accurate. That's why we went there," said the official, who asked that his name not be used.

THE **RING** , which is about four years old, employs teenagers and pre-teens to distribute heroin on city street corners, according to police.

Police began cracking down on such trafficking last month after three slayings in 18 days were linked to **suspected** Young Boys Inc. activity in the Jeffries Homes housing project.

The slain police officer, William Green, and his partner, Eric Byers, were questioning youths on a street corner in the New Center area March 28 when they were shot. Byers is hospitalized with a shoulder wound.

Cary Vincent Goins, the 17-year-old charged with shooting Green and Byers, is a **suspected** "lieutenant" in the Young Boys **ring** .

The police said members of Green and Byers' unit, known as the "gang squad," participated in the **bar** raid.

The **bar** 's owner in 1974, according to papers filed that year with Wayne County, was Ocie Curry.

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