

DETROIT : DIAL-FOR-DRUGS RING BUSTED IN DETROIT ; 10 ARE CHARGED

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Federal agents call it dialing for drugs.

And over the past few years, they said, the phone number they called eventually led them to the **Detroit Thug Lordz** , a ring that used cell phones and couriers to supply customers with cocaine and marijuana in northwest **Detroit** .

The ring, which took drug orders over the phone, took a major hit Friday when agents from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives arrested several people believed to be members.

A federal indictment unsealed Friday in U.S. District Court in **Detroit** said the ring was run by Isaias Quesada, 22, of Dearborn Heights. The indictment charged him and nine others with drug trafficking.

Quesada and four other defendants made brief appearances Friday in U.S. District Court in **Detroit** . U.S. Magistrate Judge Mona Majzoub temporarily detained Quesada and two others until a court hearing Monday. She released two others on bond. Two defendants are in prison, and two are at large.

Court records said agents, working with informants, called cell phones to place drug orders. The person on the other end told them where to meet couriers to make the drug buy. One such location was Radcliff and Montrose in **Detroit** .

The Federal Defenders Office declined to comment on behalf of the defendants.

If convicted, Quesada could face a mandatory 20 years in prison. Six juvenile suspects will be referred to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, the government said.

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