

Feds bust key members of Detroit drug gang

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DETROIT -- Federal and local police today busted **key** figures in a northwest **Detroit gang** that sells crack cocaine and other **drugs** , officials announced.

A 16-count indictment unsealed in U.S. District Court in **Detroit** charged nine adult **members of the Detroit Thug Lordz gang** on **drug** and firearm offenses. All are from **Detroit** .

Another six **gang members** who are juveniles are expected to be charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, a joint police task force said in a news release.

Police seized 67 grams **of** crack cocaine, 67 grams **of** powder cocaine, and 4.5 kilograms **of** marijuana, said Peggy Goodwin, a spokeswoman for the federal Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. More charges are expected because the **Detroit Thug Lordz** are associated with another **drug gang** in **Detroit** 's Brightmoor area, she said.

The **gang** 's alleged leader, Isaias Quesada, 22; and **members** Nicholas Jamie, 20, Shane Aben, 18; Randi Carl Diggs, 18; and Karen Haskins, 49, were arraigned in federal court today and held pending detention hearings, Goodwin said.

Two **gang members** charged, Omar Jay Gladson, 19, and Rodolfo Moreno, 20, were already in state custody on unrelated charges. Two others, Michael Moreno, 18, and Hassan Aljibory, 20, are at large and sought by police.

The arrests were the result **of** more than a year's work by a U.S.- **Detroit** task force, also assisted by the Michigan State Police, which seeks to bring to justice the "worst **of** the worst" **drug** traffickers, Goodwin said.

"The true success comes when residents are able to witness a shift in negative concerns that affect their quality **of** life," **Detroit** Police Chief Ella Bully-Cumming said in a statement.

"This is happening within the neighborhoods **of** the northwest district."

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