

## EX-DRUG KINGPIN HANSERD GETS 40 YEARS

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True to his nickname, former cocaine kingpin **Edward** (Big Ed) **Hanserd** did not go quietly Thursday when a judge sent him to prison for 40 years on federal drug and gun charges.

"Railroad court," said the 5-foot-7 **Hanserd**, who is called Big Ed for the temper and bluster that once led him to tell police that he was "the No. 1 dope man and hit man in the city."

U.S. District Judge Barbara Hackett refused to let **Hanserd** withdraw a guilty plea, despite **Hanserd**'s claim that his defense lawyer and federal prosecutors collaborated.

Told that he could speak only about the sentence, **Hanserd** said, "the only sentence I want is a trial, because I'm not guilty."

Federal marshals edged closer to **Hanserd** as he waved his arms and raised his voice. Hackett, after gaveling him down, gave him 30 years on one count of drug conspiracy and five more years on each of two firearms violations. It was the lightest sentence possible under federal guidelines. Life was the maximum.

He had pleaded guilty in return for leniency for the mother of his 2-year-old son. Drug conspiracy charges carrying up to life in prison were dropped against her, and she eventually received a year in a community-based corrections center similar to a halfway house.

Assistant U.S. Attorney William Soisson told Hackett, "Mr. **Hanserd** is responsible for much damage to the community in Detroit and surrounding communities and I think the sentence should reflect that."

**Hanserd** would begin the sentence in 1993 at the earliest, after finishing a 3 1/2-to-5-year state prison sentence for a firearms violation.

Federal authorities described **Hanserd**, who was indicted in July 1990, as the head of a ring that for about five years brought up to \$6 million worth of cocaine a month into Detroit.

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