

REPUTED GANG LEADER IS FREE ON BOND AGAIN

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A reputed Young Boys Inc. leader, who is free on bond while awaiting sentencing for a federal drug trafficking conviction, has been released on bond in Southfield on charges of possessing stolen property and carrying a concealed weapon.

The reputed gang leader, **Raymond Peoples**, 27, is also free on bonds pending trials in Detroit for carrying concealed weapons, two narcotics cases and an assault charge.

Southfield police arrested **Peoples** and two other men early Monday after an officer checked the license number of the van they were in and found it to be stolen.

THE OFFICER followed the van to a restaurant on Ten Mile and Northwestern Highway where **Peoples** and the other men got out and started walking toward the restaurant. When the officer asked them for identification, they continued walking toward the restaurant, police said. The officer then ordered the men to halt and arrested them.

Police said they searched the van and found a .45-caliber pistol on the seat and a Schmeisser 9mm submachine gun in a green plastic bag behind the driver's seat. Police said they don't know why the guns were in the car.

The men were arraigned Monday in 50th (Southfield) District Court and charged with two counts of possessing stolen property -- the van and the pistol -- and one count of carrying a concealed weapon. One of the men, John James, also was charged with possessing a forbidden weapon.

Southfield Magistrate Michael Sobel set a \$10,000 bond for **Peoples**, pending a pre-trial hearing Friday in Southfield District Court. **Peoples** posted the bond later Monday and was released.

THE OTHER men, James, 26, and Carl Garrett, 17, were being held Tuesday in lieu of \$8,000 bonds at the Oakland County jail. **Peoples** and another alleged Young Boys kingpin, George (Apple Jack) Blanks, face a pre-trial hearing Wednesday in Detroit District Court on charges of carrying concealed weapons after Detroit police saw them pull weapons at Benson and Canton in Detroit last week.

Peoples, one of 40 people named in a federal indictment involving Young Boys, pleaded guilty Feb. 24 to conspiracy to distribute heroin. No sentencing date has been set.

Peoples was shot six times last year during a fight in front of a home in the 100 block of E. Philadelphia.

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