

SLAYING VICTIMS LINKED TO DRUG MEETING

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Four people have been killed since last month when they attended a **meeting** of **drug** dealers in Detroit called **to** discuss "the ongoing operations of the Maserati Rick organization," a federal official said Tuesday.

Johnnie Granados, spokesman for the Detroit office of the federal **Drug** Enforcement Administration, said a standing task force of local and federal detectives has identified the four **victims** as participants in the **meeting** . A motive for the killings was unclear.

The fourth **victim** , Clyde **Carter** , was shot Monday as he stood outside an east side home. He was the older brother of Richard (Maserati Rick) **Carter** , a reputed cocaine kingpin killed in his hospital bed in 1988.

Federal agents were investigating Clyde **Carter** as "a player in trying **to** control some of the past assets of his brother," Granados said.

Richard **Carter** , law enforcement authorities have alleged, was a major trafficker on the city's east side.

Granados would not name the other three **victims** . Other investigators said there may have been a fifth **victim** from the **meeting** .

The **meeting** reportedly was held near 7 Mile Road and Runyon.

Clyde **Carter** , 34; Patricia Scott, 26, and their 1-year-old child were outside their home on Lannette at Leroy when a man approached and opened fire, killing the adults and then escaping. The child was unhurt.

Granados said the **Carter** organization has feuded for years with an east side group allegedly run by Edward (Big Ed) Hanserd, who was indicted last month on federal **drug** charges and is in jail on a gun conviction.

"They are a warring faction," he said. "The rivalry is well-known between the two organizations."

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