

Two suspected Detroit drug dealers captured in Mexico

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DETROIT -- Two suspected **Detroit** drug dealers who fled the country after several of their partners were arrested earlier this month have been caught at the Mexico border.

Michael Moreno, 18, and Hassan Aljibory, 20,-- believed to be part of the " **Detroit Thug Lordz** " -- waived their removal and detention hearing today in Texas and are in U.S. Marshal's custody awaiting extradition to Michigan, where they will be arraigned on a 16-count federal indictment for the distribution of crack cocaine, powder cocaine and marijuana on **Detroit** 's northwest side.

The men were arrested May 24 by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol authorities in El Paso, Texas after they tried to enter the United States from Mexico without any identification. They were fingerprinted for identification purposes and found to be federal fugitives.

Moreno and Aljibory are believed to have fled Michigan on May 4, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agents conducted a two-day sweep to arrest nine people in **Detroit** who had sold drugs to undercover agents. Seven of the nine were arrested and charged, but Moreno and Aljibory apparently got word of the ongoing arrests and fled.

"These two were nowhere to be found," said Special Agent Vera Fedorak, an ATF spokeswoman.

The men are believed to be part of a group once known as the " **Detroit Thug Lordz** ," one of several groups responsible for the illegal drug trade in northwest **Detroit** . They allegedly were armed while selling the drugs to agents.

"They were part of the worst of the worst," Fedorak said.

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