10 gang members charged in drug case

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A task force made up of federal agents and local and state police has charged 10 members of a northwest **Detroit** street gang allegedly involved in shootings and millions of dollars in drug trafficking, officials announced today.

The charges against members and leaders of the Joy Road organization follows a similar initiative, in May, aimed at the **Detroit Thug Lordz** gang, said officials with TIDE (Tactical Intelligence Driven Enforcement).

The task force is led by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the **Detroit** Police Department, assisted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Michigan State Police.

The organization is accused of dealing guns and crack cocaine and is suspected in a double-fatal shooting in 2005 on Greenview Avenue in **Detroit**.

Several of those charged with drug offenses appeared in U.S. District Court in **Detroit** today and were held pending detention hearings Thursday.

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