

## DANCE LED TO GUNFIGHT BY GANGS SURVIVOR DESCRIBES KILLING AT HER PARTY

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The shooting death of a 16-year-old girl at a birthday party in Detroit last weekend occurred during a fierce **gunfight** between rival east side **gangs** over "one guy dancing with another guy's girl," the victim's best friend said Wednesday.

"It was like a war," said Nona Shareese Dennard, whose 16th birthday party had drawn more than 60 people **by** early Sunday **to** her home in the 12400 block of Racine. "Ten or 11 guys were shooting."

Bobby Jackson, 14, has been charged in Wayne County Juvenile Court with second-degree murder in the shooting. Too young **to** be tried as an adult, he could remain in state custody only until age 19 if convicted of the charges.

Police said that at least six other youths were in custody Wednesday. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Pearl said he was reviewing investigative files on 12 youths who apparently were involved in the shooting and that other, unknown youths "out there with guns that night" also were being sought.

"The problem is," Pearl said, "all we have are their nicknames. We're trying **to** find out who they are."

Pearl said several other youths could be charged with murder and that charges may not be limited **to** those who fired guns.

Dennard's best friend Shanice Gordon, **by** all accounts an innocent bystander in the **gang** fight, was hit **by** one shot in the back and died at St. John Hospital. Witnesses told police that Gordon was on the front porch of Dennard's home, trying **to** hide from the gunfire, which lasted four **to** five minutes.

Initial police reports said Gordon's death was a random shooting.

According **to** court documents, this is how the **gunfight** erupted:

A disc jockey hired for Dennard's party was a member of a group of youths calling themselves the ABC Boys. He brought other members, who stayed on when he left for the night.

One of the ABC Boys, dressed in a white suit, got into an argument because he was dancing with another youth's girlfriend in the backyard. The youth in white was shoved and then yelled:  
"ABCs, posse up!"

The other ABCs gathered and began **to** chase one youth **to** the front of the house. There, three youths acting as security guards for the party stopped any fighting and convinced everyone **to** return **to** the backyard.

As the group began walking **to** the back, still arguing, several members of another group who call themselves the Six Mile Boys arrived and jumped into the dispute.

Someone yelled: "ABC Boys down! ABC Boys down!" and the members of that group went into a crouch.

One of the Six Mile Boys pulled a gun and fired two shots in the air. Several more youths pulled guns and began shooting.

"They were shooting everywhere," one witness said.

The only person hit was Gordon.

"It doesn't make any sense," said Selena Gordon, Shanice's mother. "They're killing each other off; they're taking innocent lives. It's like they don't have any heart."

Dennard said "people that carry guns should be locked away. I just think that it's terrible that the people can't control their minds."

Services for the dead girl, a sophomore at Osborn High School, are scheduled for noon Saturday at the Swanson Funeral Home, 806 E. Grand Blvd.

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