

New effort snares 5 Detroit murder suspects

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DETROIT -- Detroit police this week launched a joint effort with federal officers and residents that reeled in five suspects, including four of Detroit's most wanted murder fugitives.

Three of the five were arrested out of state, including one man found hiding at his grandmother's home in Moundville, Ala.

"Five in two days, that is huge," said Detroit Cmdr. James Tolbert of the Major Crimes Division. "Had we not had our guys going out there knocking on doors, talking to people, getting leads and turning up the heat, we would never have got the tips where they were. All the tips panned out. They were exactly where the people said they were."

Operation Summer Storm was led by Detroit's Violent Crimes Task Force, which included the FBI, U.S. Marshals, the countywide Fugitive Apprehension Service Team, and other Detroit's special units. Over two shifts each day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, officers and agents fanned out around the city, going to the last known address of each suspect. They handed out 1-800-Speak-Up cards for tips, put up posters in cooperating businesses and talked to residents.

One tip led police to Moundville, Ala., where FBI agents staked out a home and arrested Tarvarius Jerome McCorkle, 31, on Detroit warrants charging him with first-degree murder and three other felonies.

Police said on June 2 police were called to a home in the 3300 block of Hudson where they found 35-year-old Marcus Elms dead with a gunshot wound to the head. Witnesses said Elms and McCorkle had been arguing and "eyeballing" each other for weeks until McCorkle pulled a gun and shot Elms.

Michael Antonio Davis, 27, was found in a Springfield, Mo., jail where he had been arrested in a traffic stop under an assumed name. Davis had fled the state after the mutilation murder of John B. Anderson, 40, on June 27 in an eastside house on Barrett.

Police were called to that address, where they found Anderson shot and his body cut up in the basement. Police said Davis had paid Anderson \$600 for a 1993 pickup only to find the truck with four flat tires and a missing license plate.

Police said Davis and an accomplice lured Anderson to the Barrett address and where Anderson, on his knees begged for his life, offering to return the \$600 before Davis shot him several times in the chest with a .45-caliber semiautomatic pistol. Davis, his accomplice and a witness dragged Anderson's body to the basement and began dismembering it with a circular saw.

Anderson's girlfriend, who did not know he had sold the truck, thought he was in the house getting high and flattened the tires and took the plate to keep him from driving, police said. Davis fled the state after his accomplice, Maurice Jackson, 21, was arrested.

Another murder suspect found in another jail through a tip is Raymond Johnson, 23, wanted for the June 18, 2005, shooting of Marion Jackson, 30, in the 1700 block of Ferguson.

Johnson was jailed under an assumed name in Milwaukee for drugs and weapons. Police entered his fingerprints into a computer system and Milwaukee officers found he was wanted for murder in Detroit.

Another tip led police to a west side home on Birwood on Tuesday, where officers found **Nathan Emmanuel Jacobs**, 20, hiding under a bed with a loaded 9 mm handgun. **Jacobs** was wanted for the 2006 murder of Eric Murrow, 30, shot Nov. 9, 2006, in the 5000 block of Lennox.

Mario Alonzo Brooks, 19, was arrested Tuesday night at a home in the 20000 block of Westphalia for vehicular homicide in the death of Dale Jameson, 31. Brooks was driving a stolen car when he hit Jameson's vehicle and fled on Dec. 7.

Tolbert said residents need to "get away from this no-snitch mentality."

"We want people to stand up just like they did in these last two days," he said. "They stood up, said they knew where someone was, and we were able to get that person off the street."

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