

## YOUNG BOYS LEADER CRITICALLY WOUNDED

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**Raymond Peoples** , whom police identified as a founder and top controller of Detroit's Young Boys Inc. drug ring, was shot and critically wounded late Monday afternoon.

**Peoples** , 26, was in the emergency room of Henry Ford Hospital Monday night. Police said he was in critical condition with six gunshot wounds in the pelvis, scalp, arm and back

Police believe there were no other injuries.

More than 100 people gathered near the scene shortly after the shooting took place at 4:45 p.m. on the 100 block of E. Philadelphia near John R.

A 54-year-old man was being questioned Monday night by homicide investigators as a suspect in the shooting.

WITNESSES have given police varying accounts of what happened.

According to one version, **Peoples** was talking with two men in front of a house when an argument started and one of the men pulled out a nickel-plated automatic and shot **Peoples** .

According to another account , **Peoples** was on the porch of the house arguing with a woman while the two men he arrived with waited in a navy blue Granada. Some witnesses said the woman and another man opened fire on **Peoples** and also fired at the car.

ON JUNE 1 **Peoples** was ordered to stand trial for assault with intent to murder for the Mother's Day shooting of a man on a west side street corner. He is free on \$5,000 bond. No trial date has been set. If convicted he faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

In August 1975 **Peoples** , then 20, and two other men were accused of dragging a man from a car and beating him to death with a piece of concrete during racial disturbances on Livernois Avenue. The three men were tried three times for the slaying. Juries in the first two trials were unable to reach a verdict. The jury at the third trial acquitted all three defendants.

Police Commander William Dwyer said in May that **Peoples** and Mark Marshall founded Young Boys Inc. in the mid-1970s.

"We always thought there were others behind the organization rather than them controlling it at the very top," Dwyer said, "But they're right up there. They're top-level members of the group."

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