

GANG FIGURE FROM DETROIT FOUND DEAD IN GEORGIA

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Detroit drug gang figure Terrance (Boogaloo) Brown, a member of the Best Friends murder-for-hire ring, was found shot to death this week in a hotel parking lot in Georgia.

Brown's body was discovered about 1 a.m. Monday in the back of a stolen truck in the parking lot of the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in College Park, near Atlanta, Lt. Terry Pierce of the College Park Police Department said Friday.

Pierce said Brown wasn't identified until Thursday.

Brown, 25, had been shot once in the head. He was dressed only in underwear and a black T-shirt. His body was wrapped in a plastic bag and a bed sheet bound with masking tape.

The truck had been stolen in Michigan.

Authorities say Brown was not a guest at the hotel and probably was killed elsewhere.

Pierce said a hotel security camera picked up a man they believe to be the killer getting out of the truck after driving it into the parking lot. He then met with another man and the two drove away.

Police are not releasing a description of that man.

Brown and his brother, Reginald Brown, were among 29 people named in June in a 56-count indictment on charges of murder, cocaine sales, weapons violations and conspiracy. Six of the defendants, including the Brown brothers, were identified as members of Best Friends.

Terrance Brown escaped from federal agents in New York in June.

The Best Friends network, formed in the mid-1980s, distributed drugs in Detroit, Lexington, Ky., and Toledo and Lima, Ohio. According to the indictment, members also were available for contract killings. The gang has been linked to dozens of deaths.

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