

COP SHOT AT, CITY MAN SOUGHT

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Detroit police are seeking a Detroit man for one murder and two attempted murders last May and for shooting at a police officer Thursday.

Curtis * Napier , 19, also known as Curt McGurk, was indicted for drug activities last December in the federal crackdown on the Young Boys Inc. narcotics ring.

In May, Wayne County issued arrest warrants against him in the apparently drug-related shooting death of Joseph Brown, 22, and the wounding of Greg Kendricks, 24, and Roderick Gadson, 23.

Officers encountered **Napier** late Thursday afternoon in an alley between Richton and Cortland on the near northwest side. Police said **Napier** fired at Sgt. Wilbert Hyman with a sawed-off shotgun before jumping a fence and escaping on foot in the company of a woman.

Napier , who police believe may be trying to establish himself as a leader of what remains of the YBI operation, is described as medium-brown complexioned, 5 feet 11, and 165 pounds. The woman with him Thursday was about 5 feet 5, and 115 pounds, wearing a red top and red and white shorts, and had a "Jheri curl" hairstyle, police said.

"They say nature abhors a vacuum and I guess Curt McGurk is filling in all the spaces left when they locked up so many of the Young Boys leaders ," said homicide Inspector Gilbert Hill. "We do know he's wearing a bulletproof vest. That tells us something right there."

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Detroit Police homicide section at 224-4280 anytime.

* Correction per Sandy McClure, October 3, 1983:

Correct name is Kurt Douglas **Napier**

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