

4 MEN ARRAIGNED IN DRUG STING SHOOT-OUT

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Four men **charged** in an undercover drug sting that ended in a **shoot-out** on Aug. 12 at a Westland strip mall were arraigned today in Wayne County Circuit Court where one of the men had his bond reduced from \$1 million cash to \$25,000.

Demond Sanders, 29, Roberto Reed, 32, and Benjamin Pringle, 32, all of Detroit, and Joseph Boldizar, 49, of Garden City were **charged** with one count each of assault with intent to commit armed robbery and three counts each of delivery of a more than 1,000 grams of a controlled substance.

Pringle also was **charged** with four counts of assault with intent to murder, three counts of felonious assault, one count of a felon in possession of a firearm, one count of using a firearm in the commission of a felony and habitual second offender.

Sanders was additionally **charged** with a count of habitual third offender. Reed was additionally **charged** with one count of felony fire arm and habitual fourth offender.

Judge Michael Hathaway reduced Reed's bond from \$1 million cash to \$250,000, 10% or \$25,000 cash. Reed was the driver of a black Buick Rendezvous who turned himself into police at the Detroit Police Department's Northwestern District the day after the **shoot-out**.

Hathaway was to consider a reduction of Sanders' bond but a report concerning it was not available. It will be considered on Sept. 18. Meanwhile, his bond and that of the other two defendants remains at \$1 million cash.

Hathaway scheduled their trial for Jan. 12.

The reverse drug buy sting was a Romulus police undercover operation that occurred in the parking lot of a strip mall at Warren and Merriman in Westland. One **suspect**, Brian Thomas, 28, of Detroit, was pronounced dead from multiple gunshots. Romulus police had set up the sting operation in which the **suspects** were to buy 3 kilos of cocaine but instead the men tried to rob police and their informant.

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