

## FATHER OF SUSPECT IN DRUG SLAYING GUNNED DOWN ON THE NORTH SIDE

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The **father of** the alleged killer **of** reputed **drug** kingpin Harry Kalasho was slain Tuesday on Detroit's north side, law enforcement officials said.

Sources familiar with the Kalasho **slaying**, who asked not to be identified, questioned whether the Tuesday killing was an act **of** revenge, though police officially said they did not know a motive and had made no arrests.

A cousin **of** Kalasho was arrested near the scene about 30 minutes afterward, said James Howarth, an attorney speaking on behalf **of** the Kalasho family.

Police spokeswoman Officer Allene Ray would say only that a 58-year-old man was fatally shot **in** the head about 7:15 p.m. after two men approached him **in** front **of** a home **in** the 17800 block **of** John R.

Several sources said the slain man was Adnan Jihad, **father of** Raed Jihad, who is charged **in** the Feb. 3 **slaying of** Kalasho. Police say Kalasho headed a **drug** ring that brought more than 200 pounds **of** cocaine a week into Detroit.

The Kalasho family "vehemently denies any participation **in** or knowledge **of** the shooting **of** Mr. Jihad," Howarth said.

The younger Jihad, who was released from jail June 29 after posting 10 percent **of** a \$250,000 bond, is scheduled to appear **in** 36th District Court for a hearing on the Kalasho murder charge.

**In** a recent Free Press article about his son's murder charge, Adnan Jihad said his son "is a good boy from a good family. We're not gangsters."

Doug Baker, a Wayne County assistant prosecutor, said Adnan Jihad's killing "should have no effect" on the younger Jihad's case.

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