

KILLING OF YOUNG BOYS LIEUTENANT BEING PROBED

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Police were investigating Wednesday the west side **killing of** a youth described as one **of** the major street operatives **of** the **Young Boys Inc.** drug trafficking ring.

Dwayne Davis, 26, whose family said he lived on Bethlawn in Royal Oak Township, was shot several times with a handgun about 12:15 p.m. Tuesday as he was walking at Lawton and Columbus.

Davis was an upper-level **Young Boys** drug dealer who helped Raymond Peoples and Mark Marshall organize the operation in the mid-1970s, Officers Art McNamara and Virgil Hollins **of** the 10th (Livernois) Precinct said Wednesday.

They said Davis recently had expanded his part **of** the **Young Boys** operation to Pontiac.

YOUNG BOYS INC. is a loose-knit organization **of** drug pushers using juveniles to dispense drugs as a way to avoid narcotics laws aimed at adults. Federal and local drug enforcement officials say **Young Boys** controls most **of** the street drug traffic in Detroit's central city and recently has moved into the Pontiac area.

Davis' death follows rumors **of** a major split in the **Young Boys** organization and was seen by some police officers as evidence **of** what one said was "lots **of** turmoil at the top."

Other officers, however, said there was no evidence it carried any organizational significance.

Davis' death follows the near-fatal shooting **of** Peoples, who was critically wounded Aug. 9 during a quarrel with a woman in front **of** a home on E. Philadelphia near John R.

PEOPLES WAS recently released from Ford Hospital, where he was treated for six gunshot wounds in the pelvis, scalp, arm and back.

Witnesses said they saw two men running from the area after Davis was killed Tuesday, but police said they have no evidence the two were involved in the shooting

Police had made no arrests by late Wednesday night.

Police from precinct patrol units, the narcotics and homicide sections and the youth crime unit **of** the special crime section, known as the Gang Squad, combed the streets Wednesday in search **of** anyone with information about the **killing** .

OFFICERS McNamara and Hollins, following a lead that some **of** Davis' friends were carrying guns and threatening revenge, went with other officers to a home in the 9600 block **of** Cascade shortly after noon Wednesday.

As the uniformed officers approached the house, James Brooks, 17, pulled a handgun and pointed it at the officers, according to the police report. Hollins fired at Brooks, but missed. Brooks went back into the house and police followed, arresting both Brooks and Mark Robinson, 20 , who lives at the home with his mother.

Police also confiscated four handguns, McNamara said.

Robinson's mother, Willette, said she planned to sue the Police Department for shooting through her front door and then kicking it in to make the arrests.

"My babies were inside here and Terry, my five-year-old, was outside," she said. "I'm just glad no one was shot here," she said.

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