

2 CRITICALLY SHOT NEAR COFFEEHOUSE POLICE BLAME ARGUMENT WITH 5 OTHER MEN IN VIOLENCE-PRONE AREA

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Two Detroit men were critically wounded early Monday in a shooting outside a West 7 Mile coffeehouse in an area racked by recent bombings and shootings.

Five men were in police custody, but no warrant requests were presented Monday to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

There were no indications the shootings were drug-related, although investigations are continuing into alleged drug trafficking in the area.

"In this case, as in the past, we are working very closely with the Detroit Police Department in any shootings within that community," said William Coonce, special agent in charge of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration's Detroit office.

Police identified the victims as Arkan Shafoui, 28, and Majid Shafoui, 25.

Police said they were arguing with the five alleged assailants in the coffeehouse in the 600 block of West 7 Mile. When the argument grew raucous, all seven were told to leave, police said.

Shots were fired soon after the men went outside, police said.

The coffeehouse, near the I-75 service drive, is on the same block as a clinic that was damaged by a bomb on Oct. 11 -- the night after nearby Epiphany Lutheran Church was damaged by a similar explosion.

A bomb Sept. 29 blew the door off a Chaldean social club at 920 W. 7 Mile. On July 27, a bomb exploded at a gas station on West 7 Mile at Woodward, slightly injuring three people.

In February, an explosion at Acme Letter Service at 611 W. 7 Mile caused \$180,000 damage and destroyed two offices, said Tim McCann, the firm's president.

In February, reputed drug boss **Harry Kalasho** was fatally shot as he left a house at Greendale and John R, south of 7 Mile.

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