

21 LOCATIONS HIT BY COPS IN NUMBERS RAID

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Twenty-one Detroit area **locations** , allegedly part of a **numbers** gambling operation controlled **by** organized crime that does between \$60 and \$80 million a year **in** business, were raided Tuesday **by** federal agents and Michigan state troopers.

The **locations** -- 10 **in** Detroit as well as at least one home or apartment **in** nine different suburbs -- were raided simultaneously after 5:30 p.m. **by** 120 law-enforcement officers from the FBI, IRS, State Police and the state Attorney General's Office, according to an FBI spokesman.

The **raids** , approved **by** a federal magistrate, were to confiscate books, records and gambling equipment, the spokesman said. None of the search warrants issued was for arrests, and no one was arrested, the spokesman said.

THE **RAIDS** were " **in** connection with an ongoing investigation investigation into violations of federal gambling laws," said FBI special agent John Anthony, who declined to provide further details.

However, a copy of a federal affidavit filed **in** connection with the **raids** indicates that the investigation is more than a year old and involves alleged members of Detroit's organized crime community.

The affidavit, filed **by** FBI special agent Brian Rossi, says that **in** February 1982, an informant told Rossi that "the Corrado family has always had a piece of or run the ' **numbers** operation' **in** the Metropolitan Detroit area. FBI-2 (an informant) advised that Anthony and Dominic Corrado's father, Pietro Corrado, was given the responsibility of running, controlling and protecting the **numbers** operation and insuring that the Detroit LCN (La Cosa Nostra) received their percentage . . ."

The affidavit notes that information on the alleged gambling operation was obtained through a series of "pen register" telephone interceptions, confidential informants and surveillance **by** federal investigators.

A PEN REGISTER, sources said, is an electronic device triggered every time a telephone is dialed. The pen register does not intercept conversations, but rather electronically notes each **number** that has been dialed -- giving investigators a computerized list of all **numbers** dialed. This information is critical **in** building a gambling case, the sources said

In addition, the affidavit notes that information on the alleged gambling ring was also obtained **by** an IRS agent who searched through garbage dumped behind one of the **locations** .

Rossi, according to the affidavit, "knows that through analysis of records recovered . . . that conservative estimates of gross wagers bet into the illegal ' **numbers** ' business is **in** the range of \$60 million to \$80 million annually."

The affidavit also cites a meeting held between Harry (Harry Mack) Maciarz -- allegedly a major figure **in** the **numbers** operation -- and another man **in** a restaurant across the street from Detroit police headquarters. Maciarz lives **in** Dearborn, and his home is allegedly a center of the operation, according to the affidavit.

In addition to Detroit, **locations** raided were **in** Westland , Chesterfield Township, East Detroit, Sterling Heights, Warren (three **locations**), Oak Park, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and St. Clair Shores.

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