

\$2 MILLION BOND SET FOR DRUG FIGURE

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Young Boys Inc. drug-ring figure **Curtis** (Kurt McGurk) **Napier** was ordered held under \$2 million bond Tuesday on a charge of first-degree murder and two charges of assault with intent to murder.

Napier was arrested Monday by Pontiac and Bloomfield Township police after a high-speed chase in a car allegedly stolen from Roger B. Smith Jr., son of General Motors Corp. Chairman Roger Smith.

"You're a danger to the community," Detroit District Court Magistrate Willie Lipscomb told **Napier**, 19, in setting bond. Preliminary examination was set for Nov. 25.

Court security officers waited until after the routine arraignments Tuesday afternoon before taking **Napier** before Lipscomb. **Napier** scanned the audience carefully when he was led in. A security officer held him by the left arm throughout the brief proceeding.

NAPIER HAD BEEN sought by federal and local authorities since June 14 when he failed to appear for sentencing on a narcotics-related federal charge.

One of 41 members and associates of the Young Boys Inc. heroin ring indicted by a federal grand jury last year, **Napier** had pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawfully using a telephone, in exchange for a 32-month sentence .

In recent months, a person purporting to be **Napier** sent several letters containing death threats to Detroit homicide Inspector Gilbert Hill. Hill declined to comment Tuesday on **Napier**'s arrest other than to say, "He's a person we wanted off the streets."

Napier is charged with the May slaying of Joseph (Wamp) Brown, 22, who was gunned down the day after he testified on behalf of Raymond Peoples, the reputed founder of Young Boys Inc. He also is charged with assault with intent to murder in the May wounding of Greg Kendricks, 24.

The second assault charge stems from a Sept. 8 shootout near Dexter and Richton when Detroit police officers attempted to arrest him.

A narcotics-delivery charge also is pending against **Napier** in Recorder's Court.

IF CONVICTED of first-degree murder, **Napier** faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole. The assault charges carry maximum life sentences. The narcotics case carries a maximum 20-year prison term.

The high-speed chase that led to **Napier** 's arrest began in Pontiac and continued on I-75 to the Opdyke exit.

The stolen Camaro jumped the median on Woodward and came to rest on the lawn of the D'Arcy-McManus & Masius advertising agency, blowing out a tire, police said. **Napier** was arrested as he tried to flee on foot, police said. A second person in the car reportedly escaped.

Police said **Napier** originally identified himself as Mike Jones.

Oakland County authorities said they will charge **Napier** with receiving and concealing stolen property in connection with the stolen car.

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