

DRUG RING VET CHARGED ANEW

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Two years after completing a lengthy prison sentence, a leader of the Young Boys Inc. heroin ring was back in jail Monday, accused of being up to his old tricks.

Sylvester (Seal) **Murray**, who authorities said once was making more than \$20.5 million a year as the Young Boys' chief supplier, was arrested during a raid on his Southfield home following a year-long investigation of a new drug ring.

Murray, in his late 30s, is charged with laundering money for the new ring, which authorities said was moving high-grade shipments of heroin into the Detroit area for street sale.

Federal and local agents raided four locations Monday, including the **Murray** home in the 19100 block of Nadol in Southfield. In recent weeks, nine others, including **Murray**'s wife, Darlene, have been arrested in connection with the ring. Agents have seized three pounds of heroin, six vehicles and about \$160,000 in cash.

"This is a substantial heroin organization that has been in operation for quite some time," said Dale Schuitema, special agent in charge of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration office in Detroit. "Heroin is coming back big in Detroit. Not only this organization, but other organizations that we are investigating."

He declined to give specifics.

At its peak in the early 1980s, Young Boys Inc. had estimated gross annual revenues of \$400 million and employed children as distributors.

Schuitema on Monday stopped short of linking **Murray** directly to renewed heroin trafficking.

But in a criminal complaint, DEA special agent Robert Hill said **Sylvester** and Darlene **Murray** have been selling cocaine and heroin and laundering money through their real estate business, SDM Realty Management Inc. of Detroit.

Undercover agents gathered evidence by posing as drug buyers and sellers.

Sylvester Murray was paroled in August 1991 after serving eight years of a 15-year sentence for narcotics offenses, tax evasion and running a criminal enterprise. He was held in jail overnight Monday pending a detention hearing today in U.S. District Court. Darlene **Murray** was released on personal bond.

Sylvester Murray's attorney, Paul Curtis, said the government's investigation is thin and gained attention only because "it has shock value."

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