

' Black Mafia ' leader pleads guilty in drug case

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DETROIT - A Detroit native who was a **leader** of the " **Black Mafia** Family" **drug** gang faces 30 years to life **in** prison and must repay \$270 million after he pleaded **guilty** Monday **in** federal court.

Demetrius Flenory, 39, is to be sentenced early next year after he pleaded **guilty** to running a major **drug** operation and to money laundering before U.S. District Judge Avern Cohn.

Flenory admitted reaping millions of dollars through the sale of cocaine and other **drugs** between 1999 and 2005 and to using his ill-gotten gains to buy real estate, luxury cars and jewelry.

On Oct. 31, New York City jeweler Jacob Arabov, 42, known as the "King of Bling" pleaded **guilty** to false statements charges **in** connection with jewelry transactions involving members of the **Black Mafia** Family. He, too, awaits sentencing and could face up to 46 months **in** prison, as well as forfeiture of \$2 million.

Of 41 people charged **in** the **case** , 32 have pleaded **guilty** , the U.S. Attorney's Office said **in** a news release.

Flenory's brother, Terry, and five other defendants are scheduled to stand trial Nov. 26.

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