

U.S. INDICTS TWO BROTHERS ON GUN, COCAINE CHARGES SUSPECTS CALLED ASSOCIATES OF KALASHO DRUG RING

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Two Detroit brothers -- reputed associates of the late **Harry Kalasho** 's cocaine organization -- were indicted Wednesday for alleged federal firearms and cocaine violations.

Andy Bahoura and his brother, Dimitrios Bachoura, named in the five-count grand jury indictment, are closely associated with members of the Kalasho organization, especially Ragheed (Ray) Akrawi, according to federal court testimony.

The indictment charges the brothers with possession of about 40 grams of cocaine when their Detroit home on the 200 block of W. Nevada Ave. was raided by federal agents Aug. 16.

A number of weapons, including four assault rifles, were seized by federal agents during the raid. Bahoura, 22, charged with using a firearm during drug trafficking, allegedly possessed an AR15 semiautomatic assault rifle, a .357 Magnum revolver and a 9mm semiautomatic pistol.

His brother Bachoura, 19, also charged with using a firearm during drug trafficking, allegedly possessed two AK47 semiautomatic assault rifles, a .22-caliber assault carbine, two 9mm semiautomatic pistols and a derringer.

According to the indictment, Bahoura gave a false address in Southfield when he purchased a .357 Magnum revolver in April.

If convicted, Bahoura faces a maximum 35-year prison term and Bachoura faces a maximum of 25 years. The brothers, if convicted, also face fines totaling \$500,000.

The investigation was handled by federal drug and firearms agents and members of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

According to earlier federal court testimony, Akrawi -- **Harry Kalasho** 's first cousin and alleged ranking lieutenant in the reputed drug ring -- was with Bahoura as he shopped for weapons at a gun show at the State Fairgrounds.

Akrawi, 21, is awaiting trial on federal firearm charges.

Murder charges against Akrawi have been dismissed twice in the September slaying of Adnan Jihad in front of a John R coffeehouse. According to statements give to police by the alleged killers, Akrawi hired them to kill Adnan Jihad to avenge the Kalasho slaying.

Jihad's son, Raed, 20, is waiting trial in the Kalasho killing.

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