

DRUG CHIEF ' MCGURK ' FACES TRIAL IN SHOOTING

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Young Boys Inc. **drug** -ring figure Kurt (Kurt **McGurk**) Napier was ordered Monday to stand **trial in** Recorder's Court for allegedly wounding a man on a near east side street **in** May.

Gregory Kendricks , 24, told Detroit District Judge Leon Jenkins that Napier jumped out of a car and chased him down Beaubien near Erskine, **shooting** him once **in** the buttocks.

"I looked and he looked and I just started running and he started **shooting** ," Kendricks said. " . . . I was running high and low."

Kendricks said he ran when he saw Napier "because we'd had previous run- **ins** before" and Napier had tried to kill him **in** December 1982.

DEFENSE attorney W. Otis Culpepper unsuccessfully argued that Napier, charged with assault with intent to commit murder, should stand **trial** on the lesser charge of assault to commit great bodily harm because Kendricks was not shot **in** a vital organ.

Napier, 18, still must **face** two more preliminary examinations -- for murder and for assaulting a police officer with the intent to murder -- but Jenkins rescheduled those hearings for Wednesday morning. Napier remains **in** Wayne County Jail **in** lieu of a \$2 million cash bond.

A fugitive since June 14 when he failed to surrender for sentencing **in** federal court after pleading guilty to a **drug** - related charge, Napier was arrested by suburban police two weeks ago **in** a stolen car after a high-speed chase **in** Oakland County. Napier was one of 41 members and associates of Young Boys Inc. indicted by a federal grand jury last year.

NAPIER ALSO is charged with murdering Joseph Brown on the same day Kendricks was wounded. Brown, 22, was gunned down the day after he testified on behalf of Raymond Peoples, the reputed founder of Young Boys Inc., who had been arrested for carrying a concealed weapon.

Maurice (Mohawk) Gibbs, also charged with Brown's murder, is scheduled to go to **trial** Wednesday **in** Recorder's Court.

Brown, before dying, told police he had been shot by "Mohawk" and "Kurt **McGurk** ," according to court testimony.

The target of an intense manhunt by federal and local authorities, Napier allegedly shot his way out of a police trap Sept. 8 near Dexter and Richton. The second assault charge stems from that incident when he allegedly fired a sawed-off shotgun at a police officer.

The assault charges carry maximum sentences of life **in** prison, upon conviction. If convicted of first-degree murder for Brown's slaying, Napier **faces** a mandatory sentence of life **in** prison without parole.

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