

POLICE SWOOP IN TO ARREST ALLEGED YOUNG BOYS CHIEFS

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Federal and local law-enforcement officials said the indictment and **arrest** Tuesday of the **alleged** leaders of **Young Boys** Inc. wiped out a \$7.5-million-a-week heroin operation that accounted for about a quarter of Detroit's drug traffic.

Two of the **alleged** top leaders of **Young Boys** , a ring that uses juveniles **to** sell drugs on the streets, were among 41 people named **in** a federal indictment unsealed Tuesday. Officers began rounding up those indicted at 5:30 a.m. and had 16 people **in** custody by afternoon.

"We've got the leadership ," said U.S. Attorney Leonard Gilman. "These are not the kids on the street . . . These are the people who have been insulated from **arrest** ."

THE INDICTMENTS resulted from a two-year investigation by more than 40 members of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Detroit **Police** Department, the Internal Revenue Service and the State **Police** . Gilman said Tuesday's indictment was only the first part of a probe into drug trafficking.

Gilman estimated that **Young Boys** was responsible for 25 **to** 30 percent of Detroit's drug traffic. He also said that those arrested were the top- and middle -level organizers.

Among those arrested Tuesday was Sylvester (Seal) Murray, 30, of Southfield, who was described by Gilman as the **chief** heroin supplier for **Young Boys** and other drug rings **in** Detroit

Not yet apprehended was Milton (Butch) Jones, 28, of Royal Oak, who **police** sources indicated was sought **in** Florida. Jones was described **in** the 28-page indictment as a top **Young Boys** supervisor . Gilman said he expected **to** have all suspects **in** custody today.

AT A BRIEF HEARING before U.S. Magistrate Paul J. Komives, bond was set at \$10 million cash for Murray, who has a bond review hearing scheduled for 2 p.m. today. Prosecutors, who had sought a \$15 million cash bond, described Murray as a millionaire, but his lawyer, James Feaster, said the government has already seized all Murray's money.

Murray will be arraigned later **in** the week on charges of distributing heroin and cocaine, conspiring **to** distribute , unlawful use of a telephone, four counts of income tax evasion and conducting a continuing criminal enterprise. The last charge carries a minimum 10 years sentence and a maximum sentence of life.

At a press conference Tuesday, federal and local authorities said each week **Young Boys** was handling three kilograms of pure heroin, bought for \$600,000. Authorities said the heroin was then cut **to** only two percent purity and sold **in** bags costing \$8 **to** \$25.

Police Chief William Hart said narcotics have been "at the center of almost all the violent crime **in** the city." He said several other drug operations were eliminated by the **arrests** Tuesday.

At Murray's bond hearing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Morgan said Murray sold 52 percent pure heroin **in** a face- **to** -face transaction with an undercover DEA agent.

Federal prosecutors said Murray at one time had at least \$1.3 million **in** cash. About \$700,000 **in** paper bags was seized last May 18 at one of his residences, an apartment at the Jeffersonian at 9000 E. Jefferson.

Morgan said that during that raid one of Murray's associates, Darryl **Young** , 25, of Detroit, jumped from balcony **to** balcony 27 floors above the ground, burst into a woman's apartment, and tried **to** reach his attorney on the phone

Prosecutors said they tapped numerous narcotics-related phone calls, including one **to** Jamaica **in** which heroin was ordered that had been smuggled from Thailand.

Among those indicted were two cab drivers, James Thorpe and George Sanders, both of Detroit, who were charged with distributing heroin. Prosecutors said **Young Boys** routinely used taxis **to** deliver drugs **in** Detroit and Highland Park

Also indicted was Raymond Peoples, 28, of Detroit, who was charged with conspiracy. **Police** believe that before he was shot and critically wounded **in** August, Peoples was one of the top leaders of **Young Boys Inc.**

Peoples, **Young** , and Denise Murray were not among those listed as having been arrested. **Police** said some of the suspects may already be **in** prison, but their status would not be known until computerized checks were finished.

Young Boys began four years ago at a single street corner, Prairie and Puritan, **in** northwest Detroit, **police** said. It evolved into a structured operation with 300 members **in** which sales locations were "franchised" **to** salesmen, who, **in** addition **to** salaries, received such incentives as expensive leather jackets and jewelry, according **to** investigators.

In the last year, the group was linked **to** a steady stream of killings, including that of Detroit **Police** Officer William Green last March. Cary Vincent Goins, 18, a reputed ranking member of **Young Boys** , was convicted last month of involuntary manslaughter **in** the case and sentenced **to** 12 years **in** prison.

Police said **Young Boys** generally used pre-teens **to** handle the heroin **in** street sales because the youths, if arrested, were routinely released because of their ages. **In** addition **to** taxis, members of the group used expensive cars and a fleet of 10-speed bikes **to** distribute heroin **to** street sellers.

Prosecutors said prime sales locations included the Brewster and Jeffries housing projects. At the Jeffries Homes, the drug culture was so entrenched last March when visited by a Free Press reporter that pre-school girls were skipping rope with songs whose lyrics were the brand names of heroin: "Starlight, Hootchie-Khan, RD, one-two-three; Firecracker, Real Dope, Pony Down, round and round . . . "

In addition to those already mentioned, also indicted, with ages, if known, were:

Velma Bailes, 35; Karen (Kim) Brown, 24; Steven Brown, 26; Eli Carter; Ida Chapman; Betty Crawford, 39; Ferrar Crawford; Emanuel Cromer; Herbert Daniels, 49; Richard Daniels, 19; Melvin (Sammy D.) Davenport, 33; Andre Diggs, 21; Ardie Easterly; John Fullilove, 18; Delos (Pete) Fulwylie, 36; Keith Futtrell, 20; Karl (Pratt) Gatlin; Maurice Gibbs, 23; Ricky Humphries, 17; Michael (Big Mike) Jenkins, 29; Alonzo **Young** , 20; Rodney Mason; Louis McClain; Curtis* Napier, 28; Timothy Peoples; Art Sellars; Virdell (Bonnie) Shipp, 29; Paul Smith, 24; Tamara Sparks, 30; Prtia Sturdivant, 28, and John Thomas, 33. All are from Detroit.

* Correction per Sandy McClure, October 3, 1983:

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