

'... FEDS EVERYWHERE. IT'S LIKE BROTHER DOOM' TRANSCRIPTS OF YOUNG BOYS WIRETAPS

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On Dec. 7, authorities capped a two-year investigation into Young Boys Inc. with raids on more than 40 Detroit locations. Among those picked up was **Sylvester** (Seal) **Murray**, alleged to be a main supplier for the operation.

Transcripts of several wiretaps were introduced as evidence when bond was set at \$10 million for **Murray**. They offer a rare glimpse into the operations of what police said was a \$7.5-million-a-week business which used teenagers to sell heroin.

The transcripts were prepared by government employes. If the wiretaps are introduced as evidence in a trial, the judge will instruct the jury that the tapes, not the transcripts, are the actual evidence.

The night of May 18, **Murray**, 30, was in a jam of unbelievable proportions. That, at least, is the picture provided by government wiretap transcripts.

Law enforcement officials listened in on an alleged conversation about 8:40 that night between **Murray** and Darlene Davis, who agents described as **Murray**'s girlfriend.

Federal agents investigating Young Boys Inc. had just raided two apartments in the Jeffersonian high-rise tower looming over Detroit's Indian Village neighborhood. Not only had they seized several hundred thousand dollars in cash and a lot of cocaine and heroin, but they had also arrested one of **Murray**'s close friends, Darryl Young, who, police said, unsuccessfully tried to escape by clambering from balcony to balcony 27 floors above the street.

From the transcript of a May 18 wiretap:

Murray : ". . . They came everywhere. They hit everywhere. I'm surprised they ain'ts been out there. They took all the money. Took all the boys' packages and money. \$630,000 -- from the apartment. Took everything out of my apartment. Went to Darryl's, feds everywhere. It's like Brother Doom tonight. I'm getting ready to get out of here. I'm going catch a plane. I'll tell you where I'm at when I get where I'm going . . . I don't want leave and leave Darryl like this. But I, I, I got to go . . . I hate to leave this boy like this, (unintelligible) get, I hate to leave him like this."

Davis: ". . . You just got to think about yourself."

Murray : "Yeah, but I hate to leave him like that. I been trying to call (an attorney) he can go down there and help him, cause I, my own existence is out of here tonight. Damn. I, I guess I'm, I gotta get out, I knew I couldn't handle all, too much pressure on my mind. I know I couldn't handle all this s--- myself. I know I couldn't . . ."

Davis: "They don't have a reason to come out here."

Murray : "Darlene, they are everymotherf-----where. Don't talk on the phone, don't call nobody. Don't say nothing else, cause they already listening to my conversation . They already listening right motherf----- now . . . I made the biggest mistake in my motherf----- life. I feel like crying like a motherf----- baby. Not concentrating on my motherf----- job . . .

Davis: "Seal, you can't say that. That was just coming from the pressure you was up under. That's just started that. This, we should know this has been going on."

Murray : ". . . I swear before God in heaven. Just let me get out this s--- right here. I still got it in my f----- mind to split. I'm not going to leave that boy like that. I'm not going leave him like that. I'm not gonna do that. I'm not going to do that to him. I overplayed my motherf----- hand . . .
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In a phone conversation earlier that spring, John Thomas, another alleged member of Young Boys, discussed with **Murray** his apparent doubts about a suspected undercover agent. Thomas, like all those named in the Young Boys indictment, was charged with conspiracy. Police said "quarters" refers to quarter-ounces , "girl" refers to cocaine, "weed" to marijuana and "boy" to heroin.

Thomas: ". . . He got the connects for girl, he got the connects for weed, he got the connects for quinine, he got the connects for everything straight off the boat, but he ain't got the connects for boys . . . He got any kind of connect you name. But he still coming over here and getting boy, from Sammy, and like he know Sammy ain't nobody, right . . . He been trying to get 50 quarters ever since I come home (unintelligible) anytime he came. He was always trying to get the piece, ya see."

Murray : "You see, now right there .

Thomas: "Yea, the big piece, now (unintelligible) this been a year and a half, almost two, and he been still trying to get the big piece. Don't nobody stay that, you know, don't nobody stay like that, man, nobody but the police. Ain't no way on earth, man. Ain't got no doubts, all I'm worried about, is I'm had. You understand. He got me on conspiracy (unintelligible) other words, any day some knock on my door."

Murray : "That's bad. That's the worst . . . "

AT ONE alleged Young Boys phone in Detroit between March 11 and April 2, 1982, prosecutors claimed "approximately 685 calls were intercepted which involved the discussion of drug trafficking or appeared to be related to drug trafficking." Much of the talk had to do with "brown" Mexican heroin and "white" Asian heroin, agents reported. Here is one afternoon's worth of entries from the agents' log of the calls:

On March 23, 1982, at 1:15 p.m., a person referred to as Cliff called Jay Tee (identified elsewhere in the transcripts as John Thomas) and wanted a couple of "bundles" . . . at 1:28 p.m., a person referred to as Snow called and wanted some "things." Jay Tee told him to go to Stanton and the Boulevard . . . at 2:01 p .m., an unidentified male called asking whether Jay Tee had any "white" . . . at 2:38 p.m., Bonnie made an outgoing call to an unidentified male looking for "white" . . . about 3:10 p.m., Jay Tee called an unidentified female referred to as Annette. She said she had a problem with the last "package." Jay Tee said it was supposed to be stronger. Jay Tee said the "brown" makes more money . . . at 4:41 p.m., a person named "Jessie" called wanting to know what color it is and said he is making a killing with brown . . .

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