

11 CHARGED IN SHOOTING DEATH AT PARTY PROSECUTOR LIKENS GUNFIGHT TO WILD WEST

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Murder charges against **11** alleged gang members **in** the gunfight **death** of a teenage girl show that "We're trying to stop this Dodge City-type thinking" on the streets of Detroit, a prosecutor said Friday.

Eight of the **11** young men, ages 15 to 22, appeared Friday before 36th District Magistrate Thomas Shannon on charges of second-degree murder and possession of firearms **in** the shoot-out last weekend.

A 14-year-old boy, who cannot be tried as an adult, has been **charged in** juvenile court with murder and police are still searching for two adults.

The victim, Shanice Gordon, 16, was hit by one of more than 30 shots that police said were fired by the **11** members of rival gangs who got into a fight **at** a birthday **party** . Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Pearl said all **11** could be held legally responsible for Gordon's **death** .

"Given the number of guns and all the **shooting** , I'm really surprised more people weren't killed," said Pearl, who said the gunfight was reminiscent of the lawless Wild West.

About 80 people attended the 16th birthday **party** of Gordon's best friend, Nona Shareese Dennard, **at** Dennard's home **in** the 12400 block of Racine last Saturday night.

Members of a group calling themselves the ABC Boys -- which Pearl said stands for "Another Beastly Creation" -- had been hired to spin records and perform rap songs **at** the **party** .

Dennard said the trouble started when one of the ABC Boys got into a tussle with another youth who objected to him dancing with his girlfriend.

A second group known as the Six Mile Boys arrived **at** the **party** and interjected themselves into the fight, police said. Soon, both sides were pulling guns as **party** -goers dived for cover.

"When two armed groups get into a gunfight, it's clearly foreseeable that someone's going to wind up dead -- and that's just what happened here to an innocent bystander," Pearl said. "They were going back and forth, each inducing the others into firing."

Gordon was near the front porch when she was shot by a .38-caliber handgun that had been fired by two members of the Six Mile Boys, court records show.

One of the two, Kevin Duane Parker, 18, gave the gun to police and admitted firing it, according to the records. Bobby Jackson, the 14-year-old being held **in** the youth home, also admitted firing that gun, the records show.

Arraigned before Shannon Friday were:

Parker; Alfred Readus Jr., 18; Carlos Powell, 15; Ronnie Hill, 15; Louis Wrenn, 22; Kevin Boyce, 19; Daniel Gordon, 19, and Fred Smith, 19.

Being sought are Roosevelt Wrenn, 17, and Leshawn Orlando Robinson, 17.

All of the defendants are Detroit residents. Police said that Parker, Jackson, Readus, Robinson, Powell and Hill are members of the Six Mile Boys. The Wrenns, who are brothers, Boyce, Gordon and Smith are believed to be ABC Boys, police said.

Shannon, citing the nature of the charges, set bonds **at** \$500,000 cash pending a preliminary examination Aug. 3.

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: SHOOT-OUT SUSPECTS ARRAIGNED **In** court Friday **in** connection with last weekend's fatal shoot-out are, from left, attorney Daniel McGuire; defendants Carlos Powell and Ronnie Hill; attorney Sharon Payne; defendants Kevin Boyce, Alfred Readus Jr., Kevin Duane Parker; attorney Steven Parzen; and defendants Fred Smith, Daniel Gordon and Louis Wrenn. Three others are also to be **charged in** the fatal **shooting** of Shanice Gordon, 16, **at** a birthday **party** .

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