

4 Metro Detroit cops indicted by feds in Highwaymen probe

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DETROIT --Four Metro Detroit police officers have been **indicted** today on perjury and drug charges stemming from the investigation into the notorious **Highwaymen** Motorcycle Club.

Officers from Garden City, Brownstown Township, Hamtramck and a former Detroit police reserve officer were **indicted** , U.S. Attorney Stephen Murphy announced.

The officers, some of whom have been suspended or terminated by their departments, allegedly lied to investigators and a grand jury. The charges carry sentences ranging from five to 20 years **in** prison and fines as high as a \$1 million.

Murphy also filed a formal criminal complaint against attorney Lee O'Brien for lying to federal agents. The suspects are expected to be arraigned **in** federal court on Thursday.

A massive federal investigation into the **Highwaymen** has led to charges against about 40 members and associates of the group on drug and conspiracy charges.

During that investigation, prosecutors uncovered evidence that one of the officers, David Tomlan of Garden City, had become a member of the motorcycle group. Tomlan, later terminated by Garden City, allegedly lied to agents about his contact with a club member. He also was charged with possession with intent to distribute cocaine and steroids.

Others charge include Brownstown Police Officer Michael Ramsey; former Detroit reserve officer Dennis Abraham and Hamtramck officer Randell Hutchinson.

Ramsey and Abraham are charged with lying to agents and a grand jury; Hutchinson was **indicted** for participating **in** a conspiracy to distribute steroids.

A member of the **Highwaymen** , Sean Donovan, was charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana and Vicoden, a prescription painkiller. Donovan is currently **in** a Michigan prison.

"As troubling as any criminal charges are, these indictments are an egregious example of police corruption. It is conduct that undermines the public's faith **in** the integrity of the criminal justice system and besmirches the profession of the thousands of police officers and agents who perform their duties with the utmost integrity, bravery, and sense of ethics," Murphy said **in** a written statement.

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