

## **9 CHARGED IN GANG SHOOT-OUT SLAYING TEEN BYSTANDER KILLED AT PARTY**

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Nine youths were ordered Friday to stand trial on murder charges **in** the death of 16-year-old Shanice Gordon, a bystander killed July 22 during a **gang shoot-out** at a teen birthday party.

Testimony indicated that police had identified the .38- caliber revolver used **in** the killing as belonging to one of the defendants, 18-year-old Kevin Parker.

Parker earlier had admitted that the gun was his and that he had fired at least once during the melee.

Nonetheless, Judge Rufus Griffin Jr. of 36th District Court said all nine defendants were responsible **in** some part for the **shoot-out** that cost Gordon her life.

Along with Parker, Griffin ordered Alfred Readus Jr., 18, Carlos Powell, 15, Ronnie Hill, 15, Louis Wrenn, 22, Kevin Boyce, 19, Daniel Gordon, 19, Fred Smith, 19, and Roosevelt Wrenn, 17, bound over on second-degree murder charges. Griffin also ordered that eight of the defendants, exempting Powell, had to stand trial for use of a firearm during a felony.

Charges against a 10th Detroit youth, 17-year-old Lleshaun Robinson, were dropped.

Nona Dennard, who lives **in** the 12400 block of Racine, testified that she had invited members of the ABC Boys **gang** to perform rap songs at her 17th birthday party.

She said trouble began when one of the ABC Boys tussled 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, and soon both sides were pulling guns and shooting as partygoers dived for cover.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Robert Pearl said that **in** seeking to charge so many defendants, authorities were trying to send a message to **gangs** .

"We do think that when you have this type of activity," which he referred to as mutual combat, "this is the appropriate charge."

Family members of the nine cried out **in** agony when Griffin announced his decision. The hearing, which lasted more than five hours, was conducted at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice to accommodate the large crowd.

All were being held by juvenile authorities or **in** Wayne County Jail **in** lieu of \$500,000 cash bond.

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