POLICE TELL OF FATAL FIGHT, HUNT FOR TEEN - SUSPECT SAID THE VICTIM SOLD CRACK TO MOTHER

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Detroit police searched Friday for a 17-year-old boy in the fatal shooting of another teenager earlier this week over an apparent battle for drug turf.

The teenager suspected in Wednesday's fatal shooting of 15-year-old **Quincy Wright** had accused **Wright** of selling crack cocaine to the suspect's mother about two weeks ago, said homicide detective Daniel Stewart.

"So, he's mad about that," Stewart said Friday. The teenager's name was withheld pending any charges.

On Wednesday afternoon, **Wright** and two friends were walking up Danbury near East 8 Mile, passing the suspect's home, which abuts the rear of a Marathon gas station, police said.

"One of the defendant's friends said, 'What you looking at?' and one of the complainant's friends said, 'I'm looking at you, punk'," said Stewart. "They started fighting on the front porch of the house.

"The defendant was getting his butt kicked," Stewart said. He broke away and said, "It's on, now," the detective said, before running into his house and coming out with a double-barreled shotgun.

There is some disagreement between witnesses over what happened next, Stewart said, but several witnesses said the teen fired both barrels without hitting anyone, went back into the house, reloaded and fired one more shot at **Wright**, hitting him in the back.

Wright 's two friends ran to his home on Charleston, a block west. **Wright** 's mother, Detrice Winfrey- **Wright**, and stepfather, Andre **Wright**, rushed over. They took their son to St. John NorthEast Community Hospital, where the teen later died.

Police described the incident as the latest in a dispute between two gangs of young drug dealers struggling for control of the crack cocaine traffic in the area around 8 Mile and John R.

Winfrey- Wright said Friday that her son, a Pershing High School sophomore, was not involved in selling drugs.

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