

2 MEN FACE MURDER CHARGES IN FIREBOMBING THAT KILLED 4

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Two Detroit **men** who police said confessed **that** they had been recruited to firebomb a house where four people were **killed** on July 14 have been charged with **murder** and are being held without bond **in** the Wayne County Jail.

Darius Vincent Coleman, 21, and Ahmad Nelson, 19, each was arraigned Sunday **in** 36th District Court on four counts of first- degree **murder** and eight counts of assault with intent to **murder in the firebombing in** the 100 block of E. Philadelphia.

Coleman and Nelson confessed to police **that** they were recruited by a third **man** to firebomb the house "because they were selling drugs" out of it, according to a police investigator's report filed with the court. The report does not state who the intended victims of the **firebombing** were.

Neighbors had described the house as partly a flophouse.

According to court documents, Coleman told police the **man** had earlier given him a \$100 "down payment" and then on the day of the fire handed him a red firebomb with a green fuse **in** a plastic grocery bag.

Coleman said he threw the bomb when Nelson "got scared," according to court documents.

Sometime later, police picked up Coleman as he was driving **in** the area of Owen and Cameron **in** a stolen 1987 Ford Escort, according to court documents.

Residents Michael Conerly, 33; Dorothy Jackson, 39; George Hill, 46, and Carroll Hollis Jones, 66, died of extensive burns and smoke and soot inhalation, according to the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office. Seven other people were treated for injuries. Witnesses said at the time of the incident **that** those **killed** and injured were not the intended victims.

The suspects' preliminary examination is scheduled for Aug. 5.

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