

# 7 arraigned in connection with house robbery

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Seven men were arraigned, but only five identified Tuesday, in the Sunday morning raid on a party on Southfield's Willowick Drive.

Those arraigned were identified as Manhal Ibrahim Jerjosa, 23, of Southfield; Donjuell Chaney, 20, of Detroit; Rashad Djuan Whitehorn, 19, of Detroit; Christopher LaFrance Whitehorn, 21, of Detroit; Michael Laron Whitehorn, 19, of Detroit; Hazel Wellesley Getten, 29, of Hazel Park; and Molhim Youkhanna, 22, of Oak Park.

But police were informed by a woman in the courtroom after the arraignment that the two men who identified themselves in court as Rashad and Christopher Whitehorn were not those persons. Police are re-examining the identities, they reported.

The seven were arraigned on a total 147 counts of charges of conspiracy to commit armed robbery, armed robbery and possession of firearms during the commission of a felony.

Ten of the 25-35 partygoers were listed as victims on the arrest warrants issued against the suspects. Police security was heavy at the ar-

raignment.

Each of the seven was charged with one count of conspiracy, 10 counts of armed robbery and 10 counts of felony firearms possession. Each of the first two charges on conviction can draw a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Not guilty pleas were entered for the defendants by the court.

Judge Bryan Levy of 40th District Court, Southfield, set bond against the defendants ranging from \$250,000 cash/surety up to the \$500,000 cash pending the outcome of a preliminary exam.

A pre-exam conference was scheduled for Sept. 21.

When Beverly Hills police stopped the van containing the seven suspects, they reported finding seven loaded handguns and bags

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stuffed with about \$8,000 in cash and gold jewelry under a rear seat.

A Beverly Hills officer stopped the van on a traffic violation at 5:01 a.m. on 13 Mile just east of Southfield Road, but called for backup help "after he saw someone duck from sight through the van window as he approached," said Capt. John Knotts.

The traffic stop came just 14 minutes after Southfield police were called to the Willowick house, near Evergreen and 12 Mile, where seven masked and armed robbers

crashed the party attended by affluent males from Southfield and surrounding communities.

Southfield police spokesman L.A. Moore said police found indications of card playing and other gambling, and partygoers told police they "were doing a little friendly gambling."

Moore said the armed robbery attack "was definitely pre-planned, targeted by people who knew about the party and knew who would be there."

"Many of the victims were forced

to lie on the floor while being robbed," Moore said. "Some were punched, pistol whipped and hit with other objects. They suffered minor cuts and bruises."

Some of the partygoers fled the robbers by climbing out a window. "At least one of them called police on a cellular phone from his car," Moore said.

The robbers had fled the house before police arrived.

Knotts said Beverly Sgt. Eric Ottney "became extra cautious and didn't go all the way up to the van" after the stop. "Instead, he ordered the driver to get out and come to him."

By that time, other Beverly patrol cars cruising the area arrived at the scene, the officers aware of the incident minutes before in Southfield.

Knotts said Beverly officers had been cruising around the Evergreen corridor because they knew something had happened in Southfield, but they weren't yet sure what it was.

In addition to the guns, cash and jewelry, police also found "stuff like leather gloves and ski masks in the van," Knotts said.

The suspects were "as docile as lambs" when they were stopped, Knotts said.

Southfield police arrested all seven after being called to the scene by Beverly police.

Several teams from Southfield's investigations division were called in to work on the case, Moore said. It took police until Tuesday afternoon to sort out the suspects, victims and various charges.

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