

### 3 SLAIN TEENS CALLED VICTIMS OF DRUG TRADE

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As 13-year-old Jacuya Jackson mumbled good-bye and turned his back on her for the last time Tuesday evening, his grandmother, Sadye Jackson, could do nothing but sigh.

On Wednesday, a few hours after identifying Jacuya's body at the Wayne County morgue, his grandmother said: "I just wish I had been able to do something so he wouldn't end up like this."

Jacuya - who packed a lifetime **of** trouble into his 13 years -- was shot to death Tuesday evening in an Ewald Circle apartment that police described as a crack house. His 15-year-old friend, D'Angelo Moore, and 18-year-old Lamond Nicholson were also **slain** .

So many teenagers are missing from home and out selling **drugs** that officials say each time the media reports the killing **of** an unidentified youth, dozens **of** parents call the morgue to see if the body **of** their child is there.

"I would estimate we got 25 to 30 calls today," said chief investigator Harry Hamilton at the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office. "It's not unusual for us to receive several calls from people whose child is missing. They describe the youngster's life-style and say that the last time he was seen he was rolling."

"Rolling" is the street term for selling crack cocaine, one job available to undereducated, unemployed teenagers in Detroit.

D'Angelo's mother, Brenda Collier, had filed a missing person report with the police in September and listed D'Angelo's place **of** employment as "city streets" and occupation as "dope man." Collier could not be reached Wednesday.

Police said the **victims** were shot in the head at the west-side apartment and their pockets had been turned inside out. They were holding a 20-year-old suspect and searching for another, age 21, in what appears to have been a **drug** robbery.

" **Drugs** are dangerous, life-threatening," said Jackson, 68. "It's happened to him and it's happened to others and it will happen to lots more."

Her grandson had run away from Boy's Republic, a training facility for delinquent youths on 9 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, just last weekend, she said.

Jacuya had been committed to the state Department **of** Social Services in June after pleading guilty to assaulting a 13-year-old girl at the Parkman branch **of** the Detroit Public Library on Oakman Boulevard in January 1990, according to Wayne County Juvenile Court records.

Another charge of delivery of cocaine, brought after he allegedly sold two rocks of crack to an undercover officer in April, was dismissed by Referee Mary Anne Quinn in return for the guilty plea on the assault charge.

"You do the best you can for kids and, beyond that, if you can't convince them of their own mortality you can't really help with the outcome," Quinn said.

Jacuya's mother is in prison for larceny and he rarely saw or heard from his father, Jackson said. He had been expelled from one school and transferred to the Westside Development Center, a school for troubled youth.

She said she struggled to help him understand and correct his increasingly hostile behavior, and that Jacuya seemed to hear her but continued to misbehave.

"Sometimes he would get a little sassy sometimes," Jackson said. "He wasn't like physical. He never tried to hit me, but then he'd run off with his little friends.

"I just don't know what else I could have done."

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