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Police make an arrest in city's biggest drug bust ever. Twenty-two persons were charged in 63 indictments of possession, sale and conspiracy.

Mostly Black

Police Bust Pushers: Cars & Dope Seized

by Robert Eller
Staff Reporter

Winston-Salem police climaxed an investigation of more than five months Tuesday morning by arresting 11 people on various drug charges.

Major Joseph Masten, who coordinated the roundup along with Capt. John Turner of the Special Investigations, said the raids represented a crack-down on drug dealers and suppliers in the area.

On Monday the Forsyth County Grand Jury handed

down a total of 63 indictments against 22 people. The indictments were the result of a five-month investigation in which State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) undercover agents bought drugs from suspects.

Turner said the raids began about 5:45 a.m. Tuesday morning. The raids, he said, were conceived after information collected by the vice and narcotics unit was turned over to the special investigations unit. By 10 a.m. 11 people had been arrested. Those arrested were booked and put in the Forsyth County jail.

The names of the eleven remaining suspects were not disclosed at this report. Authorities said to do this would, "make the job of locating and arresting them that much harder." Bond for all 22 of the people indicted has already been set.

Turner said the raids were well planned and that there were no "hitches" involved. Turner also said this was one of the biggest drug arrests and investigations in Winston-Salem.

Forsyth County District

Attorney Donald K. Tisdale said the arrest represented charges against the big dealers as opposed to the small-time dealers. Tisdale gave credit to the participating officers, the S.B.I. and the W.S.P.D. and said that these were quality arrests. Apparently meaning convictions should be easy.

Three autos, including a 1974 Cadillac Eldorado were confiscated. The Cadillac was reported to be one dealer's base of operations. A small amount of cocaine, marijuana and amphetamines were also confiscated in the raids. The major source of evidence, however, will be the drugs agents allegedly bought from the dealers. This evidence will be produced at the trial of each. Those arrested, the charges and bond set were:

Joseph A. Jones, 32, 419 N. Highland Avenue, sale and possession of heroin, 2 counts, bond \$15,000; Tyrone L. Baldwin, 23, 1100-B E. 19th Street, possession, sale and conspiracy of heroin, 7 counts, bond \$15,000; Leroy C. Easter, 26, 2205 E. 23rd St.,

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Witnesses Say White Girl Pointed Finger

Youth Shot And Killed

by Robert Eller

Michael Ingram, 16, of 1456 Derry Street was shot and killed Wednesday morning June 11. The shooting occurred at 1917 Lime Avenue shortly before 1 a.m. according to police reports.

Police arrested Aldine William Martin 25, of 1319 Chestnut Street and charged him with murder.

According to reports Miss

Georgia Martin, who lives at the address where Ingram was shot, saw her uncle Aldine Martin shoot Ingram. Ingram's body was found beside a couch. He had been shot in the chest, side, and back. He died before an ambulance arrived. According to medical reports bullets pierced Ingram's heart and both lungs.

According to unidentified

sources Ingram and some friends had attended the Recreation Department's school's out dance held at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds earlier that night and left about 12:15. Ingram stopped at Miss Martin's apartment where Aldine Martin and his girlfriend were. Sources said the girlfriend, a young white

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Group Holds 48th Meet

by Gwen Dixon
Staff Reporter

Funeral directors and morticians held their 48th annual convention here recently at the Benton Convention Center. The organization met to enhance their profession with the sharing of ideas and dissemination of information from individuals across the state.

More than 300 funeral directors, morticians and visitors attended the convention.

In a message geared to

initiate more concern for individual participation, the former president urged members to get involved. In a prepared speech, Jerry Gilmore III said:

"The old adage, 'I can feel for you, but can't reach you; suggests that sympathy by itself is not important but involvement is more important. Likewise, many a man excuses himself from genuine involvement by writing a check.'"

The group was welcomed by Mayor Franklin R. Shirley and

M.C. Benton Jr., president of the local Chamber of Commerce. Response was given by C.E. Lightner, mayor of Raleigh and second vice president of the association.

A memorial service followed the committees' reports at the Tuesday meeting and a fashion revenue was held at 8 p.m. Walter T. Johnson Jr., chairman of the Greensboro Board of Education and a member of the law firm of Frye, Johnson and Barbee, addressed the convention at the Wednesday morning meeting.



Leaders at Funeral Directors and Morticians Convention take a break to talk in-between sessions. L-R Mayor Clarence Lightner; Gratz Norcott, newly elected President; and Jerry Gilmore, Chairman of the Board.

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