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## Sheriff: Mother of 16-year-old girl hosted prostitution party at home and had daughter dancing for cash

When a team of officers from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, FBI, Detroit Police, Michigan State Police and Madison Heights Police raided an alleged house of prostitution early this morning that involved two 16-year-old girls, they made an unexpected discovery: One of the girl's mothers was hosting the alleged sex-for-cash party, Sheriff Warren Evans announced today.



Evans said the operation was being run by Tracey Abdur-Rasheed, 39, out of her home on Cherrylawn near Curtis, on Detroit's west side. Investigators had received a tip that a sex party involving underage girls was planned for last night. Evans' Special Operations Unit was able to get an undercover officer inside the location to verify the activity and they, along with the other members of the SE Michigan Crimes Against Children Task Force and Violent Crimes Task Force, executed a search warrant at about 4:00 AM this morning.

"It is bad enough to think that a 16-year-old girl would fall into this type of exploitation, but to find out that her mother allegedly was encouraging it is just sickening," Evans said.

When officers entered the home, they found the two juvenile girls dancing partially nude. Evans said that investigators have learned that the approximately 20 adult men inside the home were required to pay a \$15 cover charge, \$20 for a room and whatever the prostitute charged for sex. It is not clear whether either of the juveniles were offering sex for money.

"It's pretty safe to assume that it would have lead to that eventually in that environment. Thankfully, we were able to shut this party down before things got that far," Evans said.

Evans said that there also were 19 adult female prostitutes inside the home, as well.

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Most of the prostitutes and johns were ticketed and released, but the girl's mother was arrested, as were three men who appeared to be operating the party. All face charges of Operation a House of Illegal Occupation, but the mother likely will face additional charges. The woman's daughter has been taken into protective custody and the other juvenile was released to her parents.

Officers also confiscated three handguns and quantities of marijuana, ecstasy pills and heroin, along with several hundred dollars in cash, believed to be proceeds from the party. Approximately 10 vehicles also were impounded.

The task force shut down a similar operation in March running out of a home near Hubbell and Schoolcraft in Detroit.

"Clearly, protecting young girls from this type of exploitation is very important and this type of behavior will not be tolerated. This was great work by the entire task force to shut this place down," Evans said.

Abdur-Rasheed is being held at the Wayne County Jail.