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Sheriff's Office late night raid shuts down alleged house of prostitution exploiting underage girls

◆ *3 Girls, ages 15 & 16 found dancing nude in basement of Detroit home*

Wayne County Sheriff's Deputies have shut down an alleged house of prostitution that included underage girls after a late night raid on Detroit's west side, Sheriff Warren C. Evans announced today.

Evans said that the illegal operation was being run out of a single family home, located in the 13300 block of Hubbel, just south of Grand River/Schoolcraft, on Detroit's west side.

Investigators had received information that sex parties were taking place on Friday nights that involved underage prostitutes. The Sheriff's Office Special Operations Unit was able to get an undercover officer inside the location to verify the activity and executed the search warrant at about 1:30 AM Saturday.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Violent Crimes Task Force and the Southeast Michigan Crimes Against Children (SEMCAC) Task Force

"We certainly had enough probable cause to raid this location even if children were not involved," Evans said. "However, when it became clear that young girls apparently were being exploited, it took on a greater sense of urgency for us so we could get them out of that environment."

When officers entered the home, they found two juvenile girls wearing only thong underwear in the basement with approximately 12 adult men. At the time, the girls had money in their "G-string." The girls haven't owned up to exchanging sex for money, but did indicate they were charging for "dances."

Evans said that customers were required to pay a \$10-15 cover charge to get in, \$10 to rent a room for sex and \$60 and up for sex acts. Thirty-one adults were ticketed and released and seven juveniles (four males, three females) were turned over to their parents.

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Twelve people also were arrested, including three who investigators believe were running the operation and are expected to be arraigned Tuesday morning in 36th District Court on charges of Operation a House of Illegal Occupation. They are:

- Deleia Skelton, 29, of Detroit, the alleged Madame. According to investigators, Skelton would require the adult and juvenile dancers to hand over all of their earnings and would give them only a small cut at the end of the night. Skelton also may be charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
- Michael Radcliff, 43, of Detroit, who was also living in the basement of the house.
- Ramar Trusty, 22, of Detroit, who was acting as the doorman/bouncer for the illegal operation.

Other seizures:

- 10 vehicles impounded under nuisance abatement ordinances
- Approximately \$1,400 in cash seized
- One long gun, one loaded semi-automatic pistol
- 111 gross grams of marijuana (packaged for sale) 10 suspected ecstasy pills.
- There also was a large amount of alcohol that was being served from two makeshift bars inside the home.