

Twins plead guilty in drug operation

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Twin brothers from Detroit pleaded guilty Tuesday to masterminding what FBI officials said was one of the east side's largest cocaine trafficking rings.

Johnny and Leo Curry, 29, pleaded guilty to running a continuing criminal enterprise and to income tax evasion in an agreement negotiated by their lawyers and government attorneys as their trial was to begin in U.S. District Court.

If U.S. District Judge Richard Suhrheinrich accepts the agreement, he could sentence each of the brothers to 20 years in prison and fine them \$250,000. Each faces a minimum sen-

Judge could give 20-year sentences

tence of 10 years with no parole under the criminal enterprise charge.

No sentencing date was set.

Johnny Curry is married to Cathy Volsan, 23, one of Mayor Young's nieces. Volsan and several others were listed as unindicted co-conspirators in the original grand jury indictment, which was announced April 2 after an investigation by the FBI, Internal Revenue Service and Detroit Police Department.

According to the indictment, be-

tween 1979 and 1987, Johnny and Leo Curry provided crack cocaine, heroin and marijuana to east side dope houses.

Drug proceeds allegedly were delivered to Allen Hill, Jr., 60, — one of 18 defendants scheduled for trial in November — or "one of his employees at Hill's Marathon Station, 10901 East Warren, Detroit," according to the indictment.

The indictment also said that the Currys used "enforcers or hit men . . . to intimidate persons" and that Leo

Curry and Wyman Jenkins, 28, were involved in the death of 13-year-old Damian Lucas in 1985 in Detroit.

Lamont Davis, 28, according to the indictment, "beat an unknown individual and set him on fire for failing to pay a drug debt to the Curry organization." The indictment also said Davis "intentionally set fire to one of the Curry drug houses at 4730 Wayburn" because of a dispute over drug profits.

Also pleading guilty to a drug distribution conspiracy charge Tuesday were Jenkins, of McClellan Avenue and Davis, of St. Jean Avenue. They could receive up to 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.