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Residents of the neighborhood, Constance Easton and Michael Moore look out from a store as Julie Daichuk, Michael Wallace, and Roberto Burgos lead about forty people during the August 29 evening march against drugs. The march was headed by citizens

from the surrounding neighborhoods concerned about the dramatically increasing drug traffic that is occurring on their streets.

Drug Dealers, Buyers, Beware

Northeast-area residents continue anti-drug campaign

By Teresa A. Parsons
Nearly 40 people took to the streets of Rochester's northeast side last week on a damp, cloudy evening to bring a message to Hudson Avenue residents — "No more drugs!" Marching the five crowded blocks from Clifford to Gilmore Street and back, members of churches, community groups, and concerned neighbors carried signs and chanted "get out" and "down with dealers" in the second of a series of planned street marches against drugs.

Those along the path of the August 29 demonstration looked mostly bemused by the sight. Some bystanders waved and nodded, one woman gave them the high sign and shouted "all right." Another yelled "bravo!" Some neighbors saw the story on

the 6 p.m. news and ran out to join the marchers. No one appeared to heckle the procession, which was accompanied by police cars.

For 84-year-old Joseph E. Brown of Lewis Avenue, the march was a way to urge police to act against the dealers and to strike back at his own pain. Drugs have blighted the life of his 27-year-old daughter in California, who he said is addicted to cocaine. After living all over the country, he said he knows what drugs do to young people.

"People on dope do anything, steal or rob. They're desperate. They don't care," he said. "This helps everybody."

A neighbor who believes his business is hurt by drug dealing in the streets around him, Willie Lee Scott, owner of Jane Grocery

at 443 Hudson Avenue, said of the march "it's a wonderful idea ... even if it hurt business it would be worth it."

But pointing to a tree outside his store, he observed that if he wanted to kill it, he wouldn't clip off a few leaves, but dig at the roots. Likewise, he explained, to stop the drug traffic, police have to strike higher up than just the street dealer. "You've got to get at the big guys," he said.

The first march on Saturday afternoon, August 3, drew about 60 people representing 13 community groups and churches for a walk along Kohlman Street. Close to half of the participants came from St. Michael's Church on North Clinton Avenue, where a homily was dedicated to the march and the drug problem.

The idea for the marches grew out of longstanding concern about the effects of drug dealing in northeast city neighborhoods. Julie Daichuk, president of Group 14621 Community Association, said that in her North Clinton Avenue neighborhood, more police assistance was requested repeatedly over the years, but the response was never enough. A meeting called by 14621 brought concerned churches and community groups together.

"We called the meeting to see if their perceptions were the same as ours and if they saw a need for something to be done," said Daichuk. "People came back saying strongly 'let's do something.'"

Marches became the vehicle for their

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Mooney vice principal charged with kidnapping

An assistant vice principal at Cardinal Mooney High School, Brother John D. Walsh, C.S.C., was arrested last week and charged with the kidnapping of two boys, ages 11 and 12.

In a statement to police, the youths charged that a man forced them into his car at gunpoint, asked them to get him drugs, and offered them money to have sex with him. According to their statements, neither boy was injured.

Brother Walsh, 43, a member of the Brothers of the Holy Cross, was arrested early in the morning of Wednesday, August 28. Police traced the license number provided by one of the boys to Brother Walsh and went to the school, asking him to come to the police Downtown Section for questioning. The police report said that at some point during questioning, Brother Walsh admitted

to allowing the two boys in his car and driving into the county with them, and that a conversation concerning sex transpired.

The boys have not directly identified Brother Walsh, according to District Attorney Howard Relin.

Later that day he was charged with second-degree kidnapping under section B of the penal code. Second-degree kidnapping involves abducting another person, using or threatening to use deadly physical force. Brother Walsh pleaded innocent to the kidnapping charge at his arraignment in City Court and was released on \$7,500 bail bond at about noon.

Neither members of the congregation locally nor at the eastern provincial headquarters in New Rochelle, N.Y., would comment.

The boys reported that a man approached them in a blue station wagon as they walked through Manhattan Square Park about 6:15 p.m. on Saturday, August 24. The man asked directions to Peddler's Village, a shopping center on North Goodman Street.

"I knew what he was up to," one boy said. "I thought that he was going to try and get us."

When they waved the man away, the boys said he got out of the car, grabbed the older youth and held a gun to his head. The other boy ran away, but claimed the man ordered him to come back and get in the car while threatening his companion.

The boys said it was while driving east on Interstate 490 that the man mentioned sex and drugs, asking them "if they wanted to talk money." He drove to a shopping plaza,

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