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anston children's clothing shop had been silently sale store that had opened fuming at "questionable people" visiting a grimy renext door. The owner of a chic Ev-

of drugs and stolen goods, was operating as Kelly's resulting in 39 arrest war-Resale in this rants and \$200,000 worth that Evanston's first sting, Hope's Rainbow know neighborhood of trendy Little did the owner of gentrifying

shops on Custer Ave. Even yesterday, after she wasn't pleased. "It was worked so hard to make was really sick of it. We'd a disgrace in appearance. the neighborhood earning about the sting, nice,

she said. major Evanston fence. Eugene S. Bell, owner of ation. tiques down the street had know that a dealer in anbeen arrested in the oper-But then she didn't Police called him a

ston's five street gangs, members of some of Evaning roundup of suspects. in yesterday's early morntique store, was arrested Many are believed to be

The eight-month sting operation was planned by Evanston Police and the ing street gang activity and increasing home buryears in the wake of grownal Investigation for two Illinois Division of Crimi-

The sting ended Sun-day, when police arrested at the store, 832 Custer. two suspected drug dealers

cocaine for \$6,000. tried to sell 3 ounces of By late yesterday, al-Agents said the two

Wearing old clothes and

of weapons and delivery of conspiracy, unlawful use rants charging crimes inand Lake counties on warwere in custody in Cook most three dozen people narcotics. cluding theft, burglary,

nois Law Enforcement De-Two agents of the Illi-

could be sold on the street

Peeling Ceiling an-

glaries.

and Osborn Curtis, posed as underworld fences. partment, Dan

shaving, they bought drugs and nearly 500 equipment and guns, at Kelly's Resale. cameras, jewelry, stereo pieces of loot including going for days without

The scam was dubbed Operation Gang-Net.
Officials said the pair paid \$17,000 for "high quality" cocaine that

for \$100,000, and \$14,000 for \$100,000 in stolen merchandise.

Callahan

anston street gangs, said James Gillespie, a deputy Twenty-five of those named in the warrants are known as members of Evvideotaped. The illegal sales were

"were not very sophisticated" criminals, said Wilpolice chief. ice chief. Seventeen charges were ed" criminals, said William Logan, Evanston po-Many of those arrested

operations

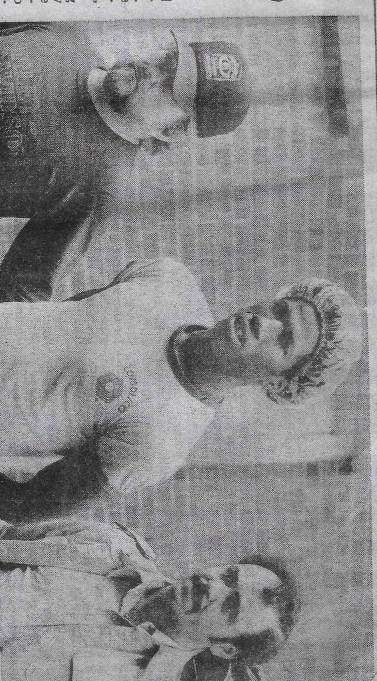
Indged against Wendel Thomas of Evanston, who Gillespie said is a member

said that in the course of "fences." into contact with their operation, they came real

many as 10 such unlawful store was. Chicago area of Evanston, where their undercover and four in the Main and lieves that there may be as Callahan said he in Evanston beof the Vice Lords. Curtis

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Evanston police have asked victims of burglaries over the last eight months to view items recovered in tomorrow night and Thursday and Friday nights and all day Saturday. shown at the Evanston poyesterday's Operation Gang-Net. They will be lice station, 1454 Elmwood,



Evanston police take into custody one of the suspects in the suburb's first sting operation.