SUSPECTS IN COP'S SLAYING GIVE UP AFTER 7-HOUR STANDOFF

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Detroit fugitives James Langford and **Montez Moore**, on the run since being linked to the ambush that left one police officer dead and another clinging to life, surrendered without a fight Friday night after being trapped in an Erie, Pa., hideout.

The men, charged Thursday in the fatal shooting of Detroit Police Officer Shawn Bandy last weekend, came out one at a time, ending a seven-hour standoff as darkness fell on the city.

Langford, the 24-year-old son of a retired Detroit police officer and reputed leader in the ambush, came out first. He was followed five minutes later by **Moore**, 26.

Each man was swarmed by members of an FBI SWAT team, handcuffed and hustled away.

"It ended the way I predicted," said Detroit Police Chief Benny Napoleon, who had flown to Erie by helicopter with Investigator William Rice. "Right at the outset, I told these guys we were going to get them."

Richard Mosquera, special agent in charge of the Pittsburgh FBI office, said the fugitives had no options left: "They finally came to the recognition there was no place to go."

Both men had handguns during the standoff, authorities said, but no shots were fired. During negotiations with police, they were concerned about what type of charges and prison time they would face.

The men obeyed orders to leave their weapons in the house.

They were arraigned on fugitive charges Friday night and placed in the Erie County jail without bond. They were expected to face an extradition hearing in several days. Sgt. Steve Myles of Detroit said the men refused to give statements to police, but said they won't fight extradition.

With the two arrests, all suspects in the slaying are in custody, ending an intense investigation. Attempts to work out a surrender earlier this week failed, Napoleon said.

No one was injured during the standoff. Neighbors had been whisked from the area or ordered to stay inside.

The fugitives had been driven to Erie from Detroit, said investigators, who declined to reveal details.

Police believe Langford and **Moore** had been in Erie for several days. Authorities said the fugitives' presence was confirmed late Thursday and a cordon was thrown around the house early Friday.

Authorities sprang about 10 a.m. Friday when three women and a man who had been in the house walked outside.

In Detroit, authorities arraigned the men's reported accomplices.

Formally charged Friday were Thomas Culbreth, 20; D'Andre Coffee, 25, and Eugene Childrey, 18, on charges of first-degree murder, assault with intent to murder, kidnapping, extortion, armed robbery and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

The penalty for first-degree murder is life in prison without parole.

They are accused of slaying officer Bandy, who was shot as he followed a van believed to have been involved in a drug-related kidnapping last Saturday. As police cars closed in on the van, someone fired from it with an AK47 assault rifle, police said.

Bandy died of a gunshot wound to the head and Officer Lloyd Todd was critically wounded.

Bandy's funeral will be held today.

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Montez Moore
James Langford

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