

# VIOLENT CRIME MARS OLD WEST END'S STATELY HERITAGE

Over the past 25 years, there have been numerous assaults and murders in the Old West End, a stately Victorian neighborhood that struggles to keep its more affluent residents as crime and poverty encroach.



**Brundage**

**1 June 22:** Robert Brundage, 66, a community activist and Old West End native, was attacked at Collingwood Boulevard and Victoria Place and robbed of his bicycle by 15-year-old Dailahntae Jemison, according to police. Mr. Brundage is in critical condition in St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center.

**2 March 3, 2008:** Christopher Ross, 17, was shot twice in the back by William Braylock on Lawrence Avenue. Braylock claimed he was acting in self-defense, but a jury found him guilty of voluntary manslaughter with a gun specification. Witnesses said Braylock believed the teenager was involved at a break-in a few weeks earlier at his residence.



**Rivera**

**3 Aug 17, 2006:** Lori Rivera, 37, was fatally beaten in Toledo Spain Park, near the Executive Towers apartment complex at 1920 Collingwood Blvd., where she lived. The man responsible, Darryl Richardson, 44, who was dating Ms. Rivera at the time, was found guilty of aggravated murder.

**4 May 19, 2004:** Lamonte Hopings, 28, shot and killed Robert Badgett, 24, outside a duplex at 3102 Parkwood Ave. where Mr. Badgett lived. Hopings was sentenced to life in prison for the killing.



**El-Okdi**

**5 Jan. 3, 1997:** Samar El-Okdi, 21, a resident of the Old West End, was shot in the face and killed. Her body was found in an alley near the Toledo Museum of Art. Douglas Coley was sentenced to death in the slaying. Joseph Green, 19, a co-conspirator, was sentenced to life in prison without parole.



**6 Dec. 23, 1996:** David Moore was abducted from behind his home in the 2100 block of Scottwood Avenue, driven to a secluded section of Greene Street, robbed, and shot five times by Coley and Green. He survived.

**7 March 30, 1996:** Jerry Kenney, 22, was fatally shot in the chest at about 10 p.m. in an apparent carjacking while in the driver's seat of a car parked at Rockwood Place and Nesselwood. The crime remains unsolved.



**Williams**

house at Delaware and Lawrence avenues.

**9 Feb. 18, 1992:** Norman Chatman, 28, was found lying in the 2300 block of Lawrence Avenue. He was shot twice in the abdomen and died later that day in St. Vincent Mercy Medical

Center. Raymond King, 23, was convicted in the killing.



**Barnhill**

**10 Oct. 11, 1991:** Todd L. Barnhill, 30, was found slain in an alley near the intersection of Nesselwood and Detroit avenues. He had been shot three times in the head, once in the abdomen, and once in the leg.



**Gordon**

**11 Sept. 30, 1991:** Anthony Gordon, a 16-year-old student at the Jefferson Center for Vocational Rehabilitation, was stabbed to death in what authorities believed to be a gang-related fight on Collingwood Boulevard between Machen Street and Delaware Avenue, in which he was not involved. Demetrius L. Simpson, 16, was found guilty of delinquency in connection with the death.

**12 Dec. 21, 1990:** Paul Nelson, 38, was fatally shot at the parking garage of the Regency Apartments, 2115 Collingwood Blvd., where he lived. He was shot through the heart while leaning out of his car window to activate the garage door. Minnie Thomas, 51, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter.

**13 Sept. 3, 1988:** Dennis Brown, a 40-year-old father of three, was shot and died at his home on the corner of Scottwood and Nesselwood avenues. No one was ever convicted in the killing.

**14 Oct. 31, 1985:** Armie J. Cole, 58, was fatally beaten and stabbed at the boarding house he operated at 2108 Glenwood Ave. Police said they believed an iron skillet that was found near the body was the lethal weapon.

**15 Oct. 21, 1984:** Anthony Carter, 20, was fatally stabbed in the course of a domestic dispute at a Parkwood Avenue residence. According to the police, after entering the home and starting an argument, Carter fired a gun and was then stabbed.