

CHURCH'S JANITOR TO FACE CHARGES IN WOMAN'S DEATH

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A janitor at the Second Baptist Church in Detroit's Greektown was charged Friday with the killing of a woman whose body was discovered behind the church.

Alvin Norris Wilson, 58, of Detroit knew his alleged victim, Suzanne Ware, 47, of Detroit who was found about 4 p.m. Wednesday, a police report said. She was shot once in the upper thigh and later pronounced dead at Detroit Receiving Hospital, the report said.

As **Wilson** was taken to a car from police headquarters Friday, he was asked about Ware's death.

"It was an accident," he said.

Detroit Police Cmdr. James W. Tolbert said evidence indicates Ware was shot in the church basement and dragged outside.

According to the police report, **Wilson** was seen at the church, at 441 Monroe, wearing a Michigan State Spartans jacket.

Later, police found a similar jacket with blood on it in the basement.

A search of **Wilson's** home turned up three guns, one of which was a ballistics match for the death weapon, the report said.

Wilson is charged with open murder, which carries a life sentence.

He was arraigned Friday in 36th District Court before Magistrate Millicent D. Sherman, who entered a not-guilty plea on **Wilson's** behalf. He was denied a bond and a preliminary examination is scheduled for Jan. 17.

"What's worse than killing someone in God's house? Is nothing sacred?" Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy said in a written statement.

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CAPTION: Detroit police officers escort **Alvin Norris Wilson**, 58, to court Friday. A janitor at the Second Baptist Church in Detroit, **Wilson** was charged with the killing of a woman whose body was discovered behind the church in Greektown.

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