

Man pleads guilty to killings - As teen, the Detroitier was convicted in slaying of woman; this time he gunned down 3 at party.

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DETROIT -- A 27-year-old man pleaded guilty Thursday in Wayne County Circuit Court to killing three people in a blast of gunfire from an assault rifle last year after an argument with several people about his girlfriend.

Damien Dorris, who was convicted at 14 in juvenile court of killing a woman in a Detroit street robbery, entered the plea to three counts of second-degree murder in the slayings of Dendra Dillard, 23, Chamise Washington, 21, and Vernon Baggette, 22. The three Detroiters were shot to death April 15, 2004 as they left the house party on the city's west side.

Wayne County Circuit Judge Daniel Ryan ordered **Dorris** held in the Wayne County Jail until he is sentenced on Sept. 8

Police charged that **Dorris** got into an argument with some people at the party and then left. He returned later with an AK-47 assault rifle, police charged, and waited outside of the house for the people he argued with to leave.

As the group he had argued with left the party about 2:30 a.m., police charged he opened fire on them with the assault rifle. Investigators said more than 30 bullets were fired at the group, killing Dillard, Washington and Baggett, and wounding Kabrinia Cook. Cook has recovered from her wounds.

Investigators said **Dorris** fled Detroit, but was arrested five months later in southern Oakland County.

On Sept. 14 Berkley Police charged him with robbing a 7-Eleven store and leading police on a high-speed chase through several suburban communities. An Oakland County Circuit Judge sentenced **Dorris** to 50-80 years for the robbery.

Dorris made national headlines in 1993 when he shot and killed Elizabeth Alvarez, a pregnant mother of three, in a robbery at an automatic teller machine in southwest Detroit. He was placed in state custody until he became an adult.

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