

## **Detroit rampage ' pure evil ' - Authorities say suspect charged in fatal Detroit shootings may have snapped over family issues.**

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**DETROIT** -- An ex-convict freed from prison in July was arraigned Sunday in the slayings of two people in a shooting spree last week that also injured three others, stoked crime fears and left more questions than answers.

Prosecutors and police say they still aren't sure why Contrelle Ardell Harbin, 26, of **Detroit** allegedly went on the Thursday **rampage** , picking victims apparently at random for 10 minutes within a four-block radius.

In the end, he may have snapped, police sources said, because he was upset his grandmother recently died of AIDS and another family member was robbed and beaten.

"It is appalling to know that there was **pure evil** perpetrated upon these victims," said Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

"That's the only explanation we have for this type of deadly mayhem."

Initial witness reports claimed there were two gunmen or at least two people who fled the shooting. But police sources allege they now believe Harbin was the lone gunman who killed Ophelia Fry, 58, and Arthur James Smith, 49, and wounded Elton Ash, 51, Dennis Anderson, 49, and James Brown, 51.

Even so, **Detroit** Police spokesman James Tate told the Associated Press that officers continue to investigate the possibility of another gunman.

"We have an obligation to determine if that was the case," he said.

Fry's husband, Bauford Carmichael, said "you couldn't print in the paper" how he feels about Harbin.

"I wish Michigan had the needle (capital punishment) like they do in Texas," he said Sunday.

Police have yet to recover the gun used in the shootings or the hooded coat the suspect wore during the attacks, sources said.

Harbin spent more than three years in a federal penitentiary in Milan for selling drugs. He also served three years' probation in Michigan for carrying a concealed weapon, while state prison records show his mother is on parole for armed robbery and his uncle for drug trafficking.

Harbin faces life in prison for two counts of first-degree murder, three of attempted murder, and one count each of felon in possession of a firearm, felony firearm and as a habitual third

offender.

Identified in police lineups Thursday and Friday, Harbin's preliminary hearing is scheduled for Nov. 30 in 36th District Court.

Fry's funeral will be Friday at New Bethel Baptist Church on the same block where she was gunned down. James H. Cole Funeral Home, 2624 W Grand Blvd., is handling the arrangements.

Funeral services for Smith are 11 a.m. Tuesday at the C.W. Morris-J.W. Henry Funeral Home, 12700 Hamilton Ave. in Highland Park. The family hour will precede the funeral at 10 a.m.

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