

Tip leads police to slaying suspect - Detroit bound over for trial in drug-related 'cold case' killing in Warren in December '03.

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WARREN -- Another "cold case" was back in court in Macomb County on Tuesday as a 43-year-old Detroit was charged with fatally shooting a Warren man in his driveway two and half years ago.

Edwin Poole was bound over in 37th District Court in Warren to stand trial in Macomb Circuit Court on charges that he shot Warner Nelson four times, once in the head, as Nelson washed his Ford truck in the driveway of his Warren home.

Poole was driven to Hayden Street in Warren Dec. 3, 2003, according to preliminary exam testimony before Warren District Judge Jennifer Faunce. He then walked about a block to Nelson's home.

"He did it as part of a business agreement," said Warren Police Detective Keith Keitz, of the alleged drug-related shooting.

"He walked up to the truck and shot (Nelson) through the passenger side."

The shooting of 37-year-old Nelson, a DaimlerChrysler employee and owner of a small trucking company, remained unsolved until November 2005 when the man who allegedly drove **Poole** to Hayden Street tipped federal officials to a number of crimes, including the Warren killing.

His tips led to the issuing of a warrant. Police then released a picture of **Poole** and description that included the fact that **Poole**'s left hand had been amputated in 2004.

He was arrested Feb. 3 outside a Salvation Army halfway house in Monroe.

Poole will face charges of first-degree murder, felony firearm possession and carrying a concealed weapon. He was previously convicted of armed robbery and felony firearm charges in 1982.

"He is a hired gun," said Steve Kaplan, Macomb County assistant prosecutor. "He is a contract killer."

Kaplan said he expects to call **Poole**'s alleged getaway driver to the stand during the trial in District Court.

This is the latest case in Macomb County to be tried under the prosecutor's cold case initiative.

A jury convicted Anthony Deleon in January for the 1998 killing of his wife in their Shelby Township mobile home. He got life in prison.

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