

ESCAPEE, 3 OTHERS SOUGHT IN 2 SLAYINGS

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A state prison escapee, convicted in the 1979 murder of a Free Press circulation employee, is being sought in the April 4 killings of two men on Detroit's west side.

John Cornelius Jenkins, 29, of Highland Park and three unnamed men are charged in warrants with first-degree murder of Derrick Conner, 30, and Charles Douglas, 45, police said.

The two victims died in what police called a drug robbery in the upper floor of a two-family flat on Allendale at Colfax in the Tireman-Livernois area.

Jenkins was sentenced Feb. 5, 1980, to 9 1/2-20 years for second-degree murder in the killing of James Wilkes, 49, a Free Press district manager from Allen Park, according to state prison records.

Wilkes was robbed and shot by three men while he delivered papers to a box at West Chicago and Mark Twain at 3:25 a.m. on Oct. 27, 1979.

Paroled Nov. 24, 1986, **Jenkins** was arrested on a concealed weapons charge on June 27, 1988.

He was sentenced to 1 1/2-5 years on that charge Nov. 9, 1988, and was sent to a minimum security camp near Jackson. He walked away three days later.

Jenkins is described by police as 5 feet 7, 163 pounds, with a dark complexion.

Three other men, one of whom uses the nickname Monk, were charged in **John Doe** warrants in the Allendale killings. Anyone with information may call the Detroit Police Department homicide section at 596-2260 anytime.

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John Cornelius Jenkins

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