

## Failure to arrest suspect puzzles victim's sister

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MUSKEGON -- The **sister** of one of the women found murdered in Detroit said she was distraught that police could have arrested **suspect** John Eric Armstrong a month ago.

"Think about all the other **sisters** and wives," said Kelly Hood's younger **sister**, 29-year-old Shannon Hood of Muskegon. "Not everyone has a perfect life, but they all had families somewhere."

Police suspected that Armstrong, 26, killed Wendy Jordan in Dearborn Heights last January and dumped her body into the Rouge River. By late March, they had a preliminary DNA evidence match of Armstrong's semen taken from Jordan's body. But the prosecutor's office didn't issue a warrant.

Kelly Hood of Detroit was among three other women who were strangled after police discovered the DNA match. Their bodies were dumped near railroad tracks.

Shannon Hood said her **sister** was was a prostitute, despite efforts by her family **to** convince her **to** give up that life. Kelly Hood, 33, moved from Muskegon **to** Detroit in 1991 and lived with her husband and three children.

"I'm still numb about it," Shannon Hood said. "My **sister** had a good husband and a good family. She always had a heart of gold. She would always help people out when they needed it -- even the people on the streets that she called her friends."

Caption: Kelly Hood

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