

INMATE UNDER SCRUTINY IN GREENE HOMICIDE

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Detroit police officials say that a 35-year-old man **in** prison on a gun possession charge is being investigated **in** connection with the shooting death of stripper Tamara **Greene** .

A **homicide** investigator, who requested anonymity out of fear of retribution, said police have looked at the **inmate** as the possible gunman because of a fight he had with **Greene** a few weeks prior to her April 20, 2003, slaying. However, they are not close to charging anyone with the crime, the investigator said.

Former Detroit Police Lt. Alvin Bowman, who sued the city after he said he was transferred out of the **homicide** section for investigating **Greene** 's death, said Thursday evening that the surviving victim, Eric Mitchell, never could identify the shooter.

"Had he known the guy, he would have identified him," Bowman said. "He was interviewed twice and he could not identify the shooter."

Bowman said the man, nicknamed Little D, may have beaten up **Greene in** the weeks before her death, but he does not think he killed her. He said Mitchell and the man ran **in** similar circles and Mitchell would have been able to identify him.

Norman Yatooma, an attorney representing **Greene** 's son **in** a lawsuit alleging the Police Department thwarted the **homicide** investigation, said Thursday that members of his staff have interviewed Mitchell. He said Mitchell could not identify the imprisoned man as the shooter.

Yatooma declined to comment on whether Mitchell identified anyone else.

"There's not a shred of paper **in** the **homicide** file that suggests Mitchell named Little D as the shooter," Yatooma said.

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CAPTION: Tamara **Greene** was killed **in** 2003. Her son's lawyer says nothing **in** the **homicide** file points to the **inmate** as the gunman.

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