

## NORMAN RETRIAL WILL START MONDAY

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Selection is **to** begin Monday of a second Recorder's Court jury **to** determine if Karen **Norman** was acting out of "desperate terror" or cold deliberation when she stabbed Lamont Powell **to** death 10 months ago.

**Norman** , 20, a Wayne State University computer science student, is charged with first-degree murder in the May 6, 1984, killing of Powell in her home on Charest. **Norman** , in a defense that has attracted national publicity and feminist support, said she was asserting every woman's right by protecting herself from a violent rape.

The first trial ended with the eight-woman, four-man jury deadlocked 11-1 **to** convict **Norman** of second-degree murder. The jury, after two weeks of testimony and arguments, deliberated seven days before Judge Beverley Anne Jasper declared a mistrial Dec. 28.

ASSISTANT WAYNE County Prosecutor Dianne Odrobina said she foresees no major changes in her presentation during the second trial.

"There will be no new witnesses, no new evidence," Odrobina said. "I expect the trial will last about as long as it did the first time."

Defense attorney Marjory Cohen would not discuss what strategy she would use. But she is expected **to** again present **Norman** as the real victim, a woman who acted in self-defense and "desperate terror" when subjected **to** a brutal sexual assault.

During the first trial, Cohen argued that Jasper gutted her defense by refusing **to** permit testimony by Althea Grant, director of the Detroit Rape Counseling Center. Grant's testimony, Cohen said, would have helped jurors understand **Norman** 's behavior as symptoms of the "rape trauma syndrome."

Cohen has asked the Michigan Court of Appeals **to** overrule Jasper and allow Grant **to** testify.

THE PROSECUTION argues that **Norman** , for unknown reasons, deliberately stabbed Powell **to** death. In her final argument, Odrobina stressed that **Norman** apparently was not injured, despite her contention that she was punched and kicked, while Powell suffered 47 knife wounds.

Powell's blood alcohol level -- nearly twice that for legal intoxication -- and the position of his wounds indicated he was too drunk **to** protect himself, Odrobina said.

The inconsistent stories **Norman** gave relatives, friends and police were used by both Cohen and Odrobina **to** support their cases. Cohen said the varying stories were typical behavior of rape victims, but Odrobina said they were lies and self-justifications.

The first trial was marked by intense public interest and news coverage. After the trial, Jasper tried **to** limit publicity that might influence prospective jurors by issuing a gag order **to** silence the deadlocked panel.

The Free Press sued, and the Michigan Court Appeals revoked the order.

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