

## **KILLER GETS 65-100 YEARS AND \ LIFE IN SLAYINGS OF 2 PROSTITUTES**

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Recorder's Court Judge Edward Thomas, saying "there is absolutely no hope for you," handed down a 65-to-100-year prison sentence Thursday to Victor Malone, who is suspected of being a **serial killer**, for the murder of a young prostitute.

Thomas also sentenced Malone to life in prison for the murder of another prostitute.

Originally charged with first-degree murder in both killings, Malone, 38, was convicted of second-degree murder in back-to-back trials before Thomas.

Malone, who has a master's degree from the University of **Michigan**, was convicted of the December 1984 fatal shooting of Leshia Brooks in a Detroit motel and the July 1984 strangulation of Anita Willis. The 65-to-100-year sentence was for the murder of Willis.

A suspect in 10 other killings in the last 12 years, Malone is awaiting trial in Oakland County for the murder of another prostitute, whose body was found stuffed in a garbage bag behind a department store.

MALONE, in a sometimes rambling speech to Thomas, maintained his innocence and said he had been convicted by negative publicity and testimony that he engaged in public sexual acts with prostitutes and nude dancers in topless lounges and after-hours clubs.

"You would think I was being prosecuted for gross indecency. . . . The domino theory is now in effect and it will tell in Oakland County," Malone said.

But Thomas said Malone was an unfeeling **killer** masked by education and a personable exterior.

The judge said Malone should never be released from prison.

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