

MAN TESTIFIES THAT POLICE FORCED HIS CONFESSION

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Shelly Brooks testified Tuesday in a special hearing that he regularly had sex with prostitutes, but did not kill them.

Brooks, who **police** say is a serial killer, told a Wayne County Circuit judge that Detroit **police** officers threw him against a wall and threatened violence toward him unless he signed **confessions** saying he bludgeoned **the** women to death on Detroit's east side.

Brooks is charged with first-degree murder in connection with **the** slayings of seven prostitutes between 1999 and 2005. He was arrested last summer after **police** said he beat up a prostitute.

Judge Vonda Evans has been listening to evidence in a hearing to determine whether to admit Brooks' alleged **confessions** in **his** first trial.

Jury selection is expected to follow immediately after Evans' ruling today.

Brooks, 38, is expected to go on trial in **the** killing of 32-year-old Pamela Greer, who was found bludgeoned to death in February 2002 in an abandoned apartment building.

Brooks said Tuesday that **police** "broke my will" before forcing him to sign **confessions** .

When shown pictures of some of **the** dead prostitutes, Brooks said he told **police** , "I know these people, and I used to have sex with these people regularly."

He said officers implied he killed **the** women, to which he responded, "No, I didn't."

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CAPTION: Shelly Brooks said Tuesday in a hearing that he had sex with prostitutes but didn't kill them.

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