

PROSTITUTE KILLER GUILTY OF FIRST - DEGREE MURDER

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Victor Malone, already convicted **of** murdering two **prostitutes** in Detroit, was found **guilty** Wednesday **of the first - degree murder of** a third in Southfield.

An Oakland County Circuit Court jury deliberated about 30 minutes at the end **of** a six-day trial before convicting Malone, 39, in the strangulation **of** Deborah Debus, 21, whose sodomized body was found bound with electrical wire in a trash bag outside Tel-Twelve Mall in Southfield in January 1985.

Last fall, Malone was convicted **of** the fatal shooting in December 1984 **of** Leshia Brooks and the strangulation in July 1984 **of** Anita Willis. Both were known **prostitutes** .

Malone was charged with **first - degree murder** for both those crimes but was convicted **of** second- **degree murder** in each.

Allen Wolf, the assistant Oakland County prosecutor in charge **of** the Debus case, said, "I am very pleased because, even though he had been convicted **of** second- **degree murder** twice in Wayne County, we don't know what will happen on appeal and those cases are parolable cases."

First - degree murder carries a mandatory sentence **of** life in prison without possibility **of** parole.

"Mr. Malone is a very dangerous individual and should never return to the streets **of** society again," Wolf said.

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