

2ND MAN HELD IN DEATH OF COP'S DAD

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Police on Sunday arrested a second suspect in the shooting death of Porter Thomas, father of Detroit's top narcotics cop.

Rodney Dumas, 42, had been sought on a federal fugitive warrant in the June 21 slaying of Thomas, 72, during a robbery at his west side auto repair shop.

Porter Thomas was the father of Cmdr. Rudy Thomas, head of the Detroit Police Department narcotics division.

Dumas was being held Sunday at Detroit police headquarters downtown pending appearance in court. Released from prison six months ago, he was convicted of second-degree murder in 1977.

Another suspect in Thomas' death, Patrick Smith, 35, was charged two days after the killing with first-degree murder and armed robbery.

Police described the slaying as an opportunistic robbery attempt that was not related to Cmdr. Thomas' position. They said **Dumas** rented the vehicle that brought the two suspects to the garage in the 15000 block of Wyoming.

Police declined to provide details of **Dumas** ' arrest.

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