

## 2ND MAN SOUGHT IN SLAYING OF OFFICER'S FATHER

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Detroit police Monday obtained a federal unlawful flight warrant against a Detroit man sought in the slaying of Porter Thomas, 72, father of Detroit narcotics division Cmdr. Rudy Thomas.

**Rodney Dumas**, 42, was at large Monday evening in the Friday slaying of Thomas at his west-side business, Porter Thomas Garage, in the 15000 block of Wyoming.

On Sunday, Patrick Smith, 35, was arraigned for first-degree murder and armed robbery. Lt. Alfred Brooks called the slaying "strictly an opportunist robbery" that had nothing to do with Rudy Thomas' role on the department.

**Dumas** allegedly rented the vehicle that drove up to the garage, Brooks said. " **Dumas** reported it as stolen, figuring the number of people present may have gotten the license number at the time of the shooting," he said.

No money apparently was taken from Thomas, Brooks said.

Smith has numerous armed robbery convictions. **Dumas**, released from prison six months ago, was convicted of second-degree murder in 1977.

Mr. Thomas is also survived by his wife, Consuelo; stepmother, Julia Thomas; daughters Consuelo Reynolds, Yolanda Jennings, and Elizabeth Foster; two brothers, eight sisters, 11 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation for Porter Thomas will be 10 a.m.-9 p.m. today at Swanson Funeral Home, 14751 W. McNichols, with a family hour at 7-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 60 Church Street, Highland Park. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

### Youth points gun at officers

A 15-year-old youth who pointed a handgun at a group of men Sunday night and then shouted "Bang! Bang!" picked the wrong group to try to scare.

The men were narcotics officers guarding the west-side home of narcotics Cmdr. Rudy Thomas, whose father had been killed Friday. They chased and stopped the car and seized a loaded semiautomatic pistol.

The youth -- who apparently had no idea whose house he had threatened -- was charged in Wayne County Juvenile Court Monday with felonious assault, carrying a concealed weapon and having a gun during a felony.

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