

Serial killer of prostitutes gets another 25+ years

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DETROIT - A convicted serial killer already serving life in prison was sentenced today to another 25 to 50 years behind bars for raping and beating a prostitute who survived his usually deadly attacks.

The formality in Wayne Circuit Court closes the case on **Shelly Andre Brooks**, a homeless man whom authorities believe killed at least seven prostitutes between August 2001 and June 2006. Investigators have said he may have killed another seven women, though no charges were filed in those deaths.

His latest legal case was the one that led police to catch him at all.

In June 2006, Brooks followed his familiar routine of raping prostitutes, beating them with rocks or sticks and leaving them for dead. His last victim slipped into a coma, but survived the attack.

She described her attacker as unusually tall and knew him as "E." The name was just one of several Brooks used, but the description led police to arrest him when he entered an abandoned building in July 2006.

Police said Brooks eventually confessed to the slayings, even offering one they didn't know about.

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