

DETROIT: SHOOTING AFTER URINATION Baffles Wife - Store Owner Charged and Held Without Bond

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Mildred Johnson understands why some might question her husband's decision to urinate in public.

But she said Thursday she can't comprehend why someone would kill him for doing it.

Johnson told Detroit police that **Leroy Moon**, 69, who owns Asian Fisheries on Gratiot near McNichols, shot Shawn Johnson, 36, a janitor at White Elementary School, for urinating on **Moon**'s building around 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"I want to know what state of mind he was in," Mildred Johnson, 35, said of the man who lives a couple of blocks from where her husband died. "Why did he have to shoot? He could've called the police."

Moon was arraigned on a first-degree murder charge Thursday evening. His lawyer, Marlon Blake Evans, asked 36th District Chief Magistrate Steve Lockhart to "consider the source" of the version of events.

"He's never done anything like this," Evans said of **Moon**. "He's owned that business for years. I'm quite sure it's not the first time someone urinated on his building."

Still, Lockhart ordered **Moon** held without bond until his March 3 preliminary examination.

Mildred Johnson had just gone out for dinner with her husband after he picked her up from work. But they got a flat tire. Police pulled them over as they drove to a place to fix the flat and then towed the car because Shawn Johnson hadn't had a license since 1998.

Johnson also was on probation for an assault with a dangerous weapon conviction, according to Michigan Department of Corrections records.

They were walking home when nature called, Mildred Johnson said.

Johnson said **Moon** approached her husband, told him to stop urinating and told another man to get his gun. When Shawn Johnson started walking away, still urinating but off **Moon**'s property, **Moon** pushed him from behind, she said, and later "started shooting."

Neighboring business operators say the actions sound out of character for **Moon** , a man who has given needy people free fish dinners.

"If he was such a nice person, why would he take it upon himself to shoot someone for peeing?" Johnson said.

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CAPTION: **Leroy Moon** , 69, the owner of Asian Fisheries on Gratiot near McNichols, was charged in Shawn Johnson's slaying.

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