

## **SUSPECT CHARGED IN SLAYING AT SHOP DRUG OFFICER'S FATHER KILLED**

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One man was charged in court Sunday and a second was being sought by Detroit police for the slaying of a 72-year-old collision-shop owner whose son heads the Detroit Police Department's narcotics section.

Patrick Smith, 35, was arrested Saturday. The other suspect, **Rodney Dumas**, 42, still was being sought Sunday, police said.

Police said the shooting was not related to Cmdr. Rudy Thomas' position.

Smith, arraigned Sunday in 36th District Court on charges including armed robbery and first-degree murder, has numerous armed robbery convictions. He was ordered held without bond.

**Dumas**, 42, released from prison six months ago, was convicted of second-degree murder in 1977, police said.

Police investigators said the men planned to rob Thomas' collision shop Friday afternoon when they walked through the gate in the 15000 block of Wyoming.

Police believe that Thomas told the assailants he had no money. Smith pulled a gun and struggled with Thomas. Smith shot Thomas in the chest.

Thomas was dead on arrival at Grace Hospital.

Witnesses saw the suspects, both from Detroit, fleeing in a car that **Dumas** later reported stolen, police said.

Caption: Photo

**RodneyDumas** \*\*\*

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