

## **SUSPECT IN 11 DEATHS MAY HAVE DEFAUDED STATE OF WELFARE AID**

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**Victor Malone**, who has been charged with killing one Detroit woman and is a suspect in the unsolved slayings of at least 10 other women, has been collecting state welfare payments for more than two years -- while claiming an address where he does not live.

**Malone**, 38, who holds a master's degree in social work but apparently is unemployed, has been collecting monthly payments of \$218 for general assistance and \$78 in food stamps since Nov. 1, 1982, according to state records.

The welfare payments are sent to an address in the 2300 block of Glynn Court on the west side of Detroit where **Malone** said he lived when he filed for the state aid, according to the records.

BUT **MALONE** does not live at the Glynn Court address, according to Daryl **King**, 25, who lives there. **King** said he is **Malone**'s cousin.

"That's what we call a mail drop," said a spokesman from the Michigan Department of Social Services. "If he does not live at that address, then that's definitely fraud."

Police investigators list **Malone**'s address as the 21000 block of Duns Scotus in Southfield. However, neighbors said Monday that **Malone** lived on Duns Scotus with his wife and three children until last November, when they were evicted.

**King** said he last saw **Malone** about three weeks ago when **Malone** "stopped by to visit."

When asked if he thought **Malone** could be guilty of the murder charge, **King** said:

"That's kind of hard to say. When we were together, we talked about him trying to get himself together, maybe go back to school, or getting a trade. He felt that he should be doing better than what he was doing, making life more pleasant, bettering himself -- we all try to do that."

**Malone** is being held in Wayne County Jail in lieu of \$1 million cash bond in the slaying of Leshia Brooks, 26, a go-go dancer who was found beaten and shot to death two months ago in a Woodward Avenue motel.

**MALONE**, WHO got his master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1978, has an extensive criminal record that includes convictions for armed robbery and bank robbery in Ohio, assault in Plymouth while he was a social worker at the Plymouth Center for Human Development and a narcotics violation in Detroit.

At least seven homicide investigators are pulling files of unsolved homicides to determine if **Malone** might be connected, homicide Inspector Gilbert Hill said Monday.

"This is the dull, drab, routine part of the job," said Hill. "This is the part of the job they don't make movies about."

A police source involved in the **Malone** investigation said Monday that investigators "are being deluged with calls and tips about this guy. People are coming out of the woodwork."

The notoriety of the current charges against **Malone** has opened old scars for Grace Walthall. **Malone** was charged with the 1975 murder of her daughter, Patricia Ward.

"It's rough," said Walthall. "I didn't want to have to go through with all of this again. But I've been praying all along that justice should be done."

Walthall said she talked to her daughter the day before she was murdered.

"She was supposed to fix dinner for us, but she told us she couldn't because she was going to go out with a guy with a whole lot of money -- **Victor Malone**," Walthall said. "The next day, she was dead."

**Malone** was charged with Ward's slaying, but the case against him was dismissed at the preliminary examination because of insufficient evidence, according to court records.

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