

DETROIT: SUSPECT IN DANCER'S SLAYING CONVICTED - DOUBLE SHOOTING NOT RELATED TO GREENE CASE

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The man identified by the former lead investigator as the key suspect in the slaying of stripper Tamara (Strawberry) Greene was convicted Wednesday of an unrelated double shooting.

A Wayne County Circuit Court jury convicted **Darrett (Little D) King** of two counts of assault with intent to murder for the 2004 Christmas Eve shooting of two men outside a west-side Detroit gas station during a failed robbery.

King, 36, claimed that he was being framed by Detroit police investigators who are anxious to solve the shooting death of Greene. Her unsolved slaying has drawn wide attention because of a never-proven party held by ex-Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick at the city's mayoral residence.

According to the rumors, Greene, who went by the stage name Strawberry, danced at the Manoogian mansion in the fall of 2002 and was later assaulted by the mayor's wife.

Greene was killed April 30, 2003, in a drive-by shooting on Detroit's west side. Her companion, Eric (Big E) Mitchell, was wounded.

Attorney Norman Yatooma, who is representing Greene's family in a lawsuit related to her death, said Wednesday that Mitchell has told his staff investigators that **King** was not the shooter.

"What in evidence has come out in six years that has given rise to this newfound suspicion and if it is not newfound suspicion, why has he never been arrested in this murder?" Yatooma said of **King**.

In the double shooting, **King** told the court that he was a successful dope dealer who had no reason to pull a robbery.

But retired homicide detective Michael Carlisle told jurors his investigation of **King**'s possible role in the Greene slaying led him to the 2004 shootings.

"I was interested in him for the Strawberry killing," said Carlisle. "He is not a 'person of interest' in the Strawberry case. He is the suspect."

Carlisle found that **King** was picked up for the shootings of Roy Washington and Emmanuel El-Amin, but the initial investigation stalled. He tracked down a lab test that found gunshot residue on **King**'s gloves.

Carlisle said his investigation of Greene's death turned up "no evidence of her dancing" at the rumored party.

Police looked at **King** as the suspect because he fought with Greene a few days before her slaying.

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