

## WITNESS TESTIFIES IN DANCER SLAYING

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Victor Malone, a suspect **in** the **slayings** of about a dozen Detroit women over 12 years, left the Fancy Pants Lounge **in** Highland Park with a **dancer** who was found slain the next day, a **witness** testified Tuesday.

**In** other testimony, a motel desk clerk identified Malone, 38, as the man who rented the room where Leisha Brooks' body was found, and a Detroit police fingerprint expert said palm prints and thumbprints found **in** the room matched Malone's.

They testified during a preliminary examination **in** Detroit District Court, where Malone, a former social worker who has a master's degree from the University of Michigan, is charged with murdering two women.

Much of the testimony Tuesday concerned the cause of Brooks' death Dec. 5 and Anita Willis' death July 23. Dr. Marilee Frazer said Brooks, 26, died of a gunshot to the head. Willis, 27, was strangled, another **witness** said.

GARY MOORE, a desk clerk at the Woodward Motel, 18650 Woodward, identified Malone as the man who rented the room with Brooks. Moore said the two were "bickering" because Malone wanted to rent the room for the night and Brooks wanted it for three hours.

Lisa Swindall, 27, a former **dancer** at the Fancy Pants, said Malone had been drinking heavily at the lounge, which does not serve alcohol but allows patrons to bring their own. Swindall said Malone "stood up and yelled out his name and was telling everyone he was the one and only. He was making a scene of himself."

Swindall said Malone was trying to pay women to go to a motel with him. "He was offering a lot of girls money. She (Brooks) happened to take him up on the offer."

Swindall said the Fancy Pants Lounge, the site of a fistfight that led to the highly publicized baseball bat beating death of Vincent Chin, was a dangerous place.

"You take your chances if you're going to be a prostitute," she said. "I came **in** to work the next day and heard Rose (Brooks' stage name) had been murdered. Since this happened, I haven't been back" to the Fancy Pants.

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