

MAN TESTIFIES THAT POLICE FORCED HIS CONFESSION

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Shelly Brooks testified Tuesday in a special hearing that he regularly had sex with prostitutes, but did not kill them.

Brooks , who police say is a serial killer, told a Wayne County Circuit judge that Detroit police officers threw him against a wall and threatened violence toward him unless he signed confessions saying he bludgeoned the women to death on Detroit's east side.

Brooks is charged with first-degree murder in connection with the slayings of seven prostitutes between 1999 and 2005. He was arrested last summer after police said he beat up a prostitute.

Judge Vonda Evans has been listening to evidence in a hearing to determine whether to admit **Brooks** ' alleged confessions in his first trial.

Jury selection is expected to follow immediately after Evans' ruling today.

Brooks , 38, is expected to go on trial in the killing of 32-year-old Pamela Greer, who was found bludgeoned to death in February 2002 in an abandoned apartment building.

Brooks said Tuesday that police "broke my will" before forcing him to sign confessions.

When shown pictures of some of the dead prostitutes, **Brooks** said he told police, "I know these people, and I used to have sex with these people regularly."

He said officers implied he killed the women, to which he responded, "No, I didn't."

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CAPTION: **Shelly Brooks** said Tuesday in a hearing that he had sex with prostitutes but didn't kill them.

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