

BIKER PRESIDENT ON TRIAL

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A Detroit motorcycle club **president** sat unflinching as witnesses cried uncontrollably and a medical examiner detailed the fatal head wounds suffered by two women allegedly killed in the clubhouse.

Forbidden Wheels leader Paul Dye is **on trial** in Recorder's Court for allegedly murdering Donna Bartels , 22, and Glenda Collins, 27, last summer.

The victims had left Harold's Sky Club bar **on** Fenkell at closing time Aug. 16, saying they were "going out partying." They were found murdered less than five hours later, wrapped in sleeping bags and comforters dumped **on** a pile of refuse.

Judge Henry Heading had to excuse the four-man, 10-woman jury twice when two of the first six witnesses broke into sobs while testifying.

"Don't worry, we all get nervous, too," Heading told Tammy Wheatly, after she broke down while describing how she found the bodies at a vacant lot at Lahser and Dolson

THE JURY was again excused when Glen Collins sobbed, "I'm sorry, I'm sorry," while telling how he identified his daughter at the morgue.

Dye, wearing a three-piece suit and striped tie, remained impassive during the outbursts. If convicted, Dye, 28, a Center Line carpenter, faces mandatory life in prison without parole.

His expression remain unchanged during the testimony of Assistant Wayne County Medical Examiner Georg Russanow, who said he clearly remembered the autopsies out of the "many thousands" he has performed because of a tattoo **on** Bartels' right breast.

"It was a rose -- a beautiful black rose," Russanow recalled.

Russanow said the gun that killed Collins was held directly to her forehead.

Bartels, he said, apparently threw her left hand in front of her face when she was shot in the right eyebrow. A wound and powder burns **on** her left ring finger matched with the head wound, he said.

Both women were "drunk -- very much so" -- when they were shot, Russanow said. He said the blood alcohol levels were twice Michigan's standard for drunk driving.

Theresa Gray testified that Collins and Bartels drank until closing at Harold's Sky Club Bar.

"They said they were going out partying," Gray said. "They said they might go to a clubhouse, but they didn't say which one. I assumed they meant a motorcycle clubhouse."

Police, investigating an unrelated bombing, found blood splattered inside the Forbidden Wheels' clubhouse, about three blocks from the bar.

Club members later told police Dye shot the women without warning and ordered them to clean up the scene and dispose of the bodies.

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