

## INMATE CHARGED IN KILLING OF DRUG ENFORCER IN 1982

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A five-year wall **of** silence surrounding the alleged contract slaying **of drug gang enforcer** Quincy Robinson **in** his prison cell has cracked, resulting Wednesday **in** the arraignment **of** another **inmate** on a charge **of** open murder.

The **inmate** , Ronald Keith Pugh, 38, is **charged in** the March **1982 killing of** Quincy Robinson, a onetime member **of** the Organization, a loose confederation that sold **drugs** and ripped off other dealers.

Pugh was **charged** by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office after investigators said they gained the co-operation **of** a witness to the **killing** inside the maximum-security Huron Valley Men's Facility near Ypsilanti. Pugh was arraigned at 14A-1 District Court **in** Ypsilanti and a March 18 preliminary examination was set.

Robinson was serving a life sentence for a 1978 triple murder **in** which one **of** the victims was his brother, Sheron Burrell.

State Police Detective Sgt. William Ward said Robinson was marked for death when he told authorities where they could find Timothy Kincaid, who was also wanted for the 1978 murders. Authorities arrested Kincaid **in** Oakland, Calif., and returned him to Detroit to be tried **in 1982** on first-degree murder charges.

Robinson, serving a life sentence without parole and suspected **in** about 20 other murders, hoped for a reduced sentence **in** exchange for helping catch Kincaid, who was 16 at the time **of** the 1978 **killings** .

Ward said Kincaid's associates inside the prison system put out a \$5,000 contract on Robinson.

ROBINSON, 23, was found stabbed and strangled just before he was to testify against Kincaid. A handwritten note, "Do Not Disturb -- Meditating," was posted on his cell door to delay discovery **of** the **killing** , Ward said.

Kincaid, who testified he was forced to take part **in** the **killings** , was convicted and sentenced to life **in** prison without parole.

Robinson's roster **of** suspected victims made him a man with many enemies, forcing investigators to pursue several avenues. They said they focused on Pugh when his clothes, soaked with blood **of** Robinson's type, were found soon after the **killing** . But it took five years to get enough co-operation from witnesses to bring the murder charge, Ward said.

"At various times we thought we had people ready to talk, but they would back out at the last minute," Ward said.

PUGH WAS convicted **in** 1972 for a Flint armed robbery and would be eligible for parole on that count **in** March 1988. Ward said Pugh collected \$200 to \$400 for the **killing** .

**In** the 1978 slayings, witnesses said, Robinson shot his brother **in** the face **in** a home on the 15800 block **of** Ferguson because he feared Burrell was about to turn him **in** for another **killing** .

Two witnesses, Pamela Lewis and Stephanie Ellington, were also slain, but Barbara Henton survived a shotgun blast to the back that left her paralyzed. Robinson, Norman (Ugly) Burton and Kincaid were arrested within a week.

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