

DETROITER CONVICTED OF KILLING SECOND PROSTITUTE - JURY TAKES JUST 30 MINUTES TO DECIDE

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Two convictions in eight days, and this time it took only 30 minutes for jurors to declare **Shelly Brooks** , suspected of being a serial killer, guilty of first-degree murder.

Brooks , 38, of Detroit was convicted Thursday in Wayne County Circuit Court in the bludgeoning death of Rhonda Myles, 46, whose body was found April 22, 2002, inside a vacant building in the 1300 block of Manistique.

Last week, he was convicted in the beating death of Pamela Greer, 32.

"Two life sentences already, no parole, he's not getting out," said Detroit Police Officer Mike Carlisle, who investigated the killings.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Moran said DNA evidence and a confession from **Brooks** gave prosecutors a strong case.

"That's one of the quickest verdicts I've ever had," said Moran, who has been prosecuting for 13 years.

Brooks is charged with first-degree murder in the killings of five other prostitutes and with the rape of a surviving woman, all on the city's east side.

"We'll probably come back and make a decision on which other cases to try after he's been sentenced," Moran said.

The surviving woman testified that on June 26, she and **Brooks** had sex and smoked crack inside an abandoned garage, then went to an abandoned house to smoke more. She said **Brooks** then sexually assaulted her and struck her with a brick.

Brooks ' lawyer Mark Brown did not return phone calls Thursday.

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