## ESCAPEE HELD IN SLAYING OF 2 AT WEST SIDE BAR

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A 35-year-old prison camp **escapee** was charged Wednesday **in** the shotgun **slayings of** Adolf (Doc Holliday) Powell and a barmaid **in** a **west side** Detroit **bar**.

Roy Walker, arrested March 17 **at** his residence **in** the Jeffries Homes project, was named **in** a warrant signed Wednesday by Detroit District Judge Ricardo Lubienski charging him with two counts **of** pre-meditated first-degree murder, assault with intent to commit murder and use **of** a firearm while committing a felony.

Gregory Barnett, 32, was ordered to stand trial Tuesday on the same charges.

Powell, 50, who was acquitted **in** a 1979 drug-related triple beheading case, and Jeanette Askew, a barmaid, were killed Jan. 22 **at** La Players Lounge, 3305 Joy Road. Edward Marshall, a **bar** customer, was wounded.

Police believe Askew, 23, and Marshall were shot **in** an attempt to eliminate witnesses to the "hit" on Powell.

Police had been looking for Walker since his escape July 13 from Camp Waterloo near Jackson, said Sgt. Robert Gerdes. Walker was serving a 15- to 30-year sentence for a 1976 conviction on a charge **of** assault less than murder.

Detroit police arrested Walker on a narcotics charge several days after Powell and Askew were killed. However, he gave police a false name, was released on a writ from Recorder's Court and ordered to appear later to face formal charges. He never showed up **in** court and remained **at** large until arrested **in** a raid.

Correction per Sandy McClure, April 10, 1983:

Correct spelling of Detroit Police Officer's name is Robert Gerds.

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