

SUSPECTS ALSO LINKED TO SLAYINGS IN 1988 TWO FACED QUESTIONS IN OAK PARK CASE

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Two men charged in the execution of six Detroiters on St. Aubin Street were arrested in connection with a 1988 double slaying in Oak Park and remain the chief suspects, a detective said Tuesday.

Though they were released without being charged, Mark Lamond Bell, 20, and **Jamal Latiff Biggs**, 19, were found wearing the victims' jewelry when they were arrested after the killings, Oak Park Detective Andrew Ordiway said.

"We were convinced that they were involved," he said. "Although we had bits and pieces of evidence, there was not enough to put them at the scene and with a firearm."

Jeffrey Franklin, 36, and Oscar (Tyrone) Grimes Jr., 37, were found dead March 28, 1988, on the basement floor of their home in the 13300 block of Burton, just east of Coolidge.

Each had been shot twice in the head, Ordiway said, and robbery was the motive.

About three weeks after the slayings, police got an anonymous tip that the guns used in the double killing were being destroyed at a Detroit home and that some of the stolen items also were there, he said.

No one was at the home when police arrived, but Ordiway and another officer spotted Bell and **Biggs** in a car nearby and stopped them.

"We found in plain view inside of the car a bent-up gun barrel," he said.

The two, who were arrested and questioned, denied being involved in the crime.

Ordiway said the evidence implicating them included the jewelry, the anonymous information and a personal phone book that belonged to one victim and listed a phone number for one of the suspects.

Tests on the recovered gun part were inconclusive because of the damage, he said.

Ordiway said Oak Park police never were able to look in the Detroit home for the stolen items because the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office denied search warrants because evidence was based mainly on the anonymous tip.

Biggs was released, but Bell was prosecuted for alleged possession of cocaine that police said they found on him.

On Monday, Bell, **Biggs**, Tamara Marie Marshall, 18, and Marc Caison, 19, were charged with six counts of first-degree murder in the slayings on St. Aubin Street on Wednesday.

Ordiway said he hopes publicity over the arrests of Bell and **Biggs** will draw out information about the Oak Park slayings.

The family of Jeffrey Franklin still is offering \$3,000 for information leading to an arrest and conviction. Oak Park police can be reached at 547-1337 anytime.

Caption: Photo

: **Jamal Biggs** Mark Bell

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