

## STATE TROOPER AMONG 7 SLAIN OVER WEEKEND

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Seven people, including a 25-year-old off-duty Michigan **State trooper** , were **slain** in Detroit over the weekend, one of the most violent three-day periods of the year.

Tony Lynn Thames, a **state trooper** since January 1982, was shot to death early Sunday when two men approached him in the parking lot of the Balmar Motel on East Jefferson and announced a holdup.

The pair took \$125 from Thames's companion, Carolyn Flowers, 26, and an unknown amount of money from Thames, police said, before trying to escape.

Police said Thames exchanged gunfire with the men before collapsing with gunshot wounds in the chest and leg. He died in the emergency room at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Fifth (Jefferson) Precinct officers later arrested four men in a car fitting the description of one used in the robbery. One man had been shot in the arm and was listed in temporary serious condition at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Thames, who was visiting his family in Detroit for the weekend, was assigned to the Jackson **state** police post.

IN ANOTHER INCIDENT early Sunday, a Detroit couple sitting in a park-like area in the Brewster housing project was shot to death, police said. Sharon Fields, 20, and Kevin Hewitt, 22, were dead on arrival at Detroit Receiving Hospital. Both died of gunshot wounds in the head.

A 49-year-old Detroit man, who told homicide investigators he was "fed up" with his 22-year-old son, was charged Sunday with first-degree murder in the son's bludgeoning death Saturday.

Leonard Dew, 49, was being held without bond pending a June 21 preliminary examination in the murder of his son, Lloyd. Police said Dew died of repeated blows to the head with a crow bar.

JOHN BENNETT, 32, died of a gunshot wound in the head early Saturday outside the Brent Chemical Co. on the city's northwest side.

A security guard told police he heard shots and saw a man leave the passenger side of a car, parked near the building, and get away in another car. Bennett's body was found later at the side of the building.

Samuel Sanders, 35, died of gunshot wounds after shooting broke out at a party Friday night in the 4500 block of Pennsylvania, police said. Curtis Davis , 23, was charged Sunday with second-degree murder in the case. A June 22 preliminary examination was set.

An argument early Saturday ended in the stabbing death of 17- year-old Brian Hutchison, police said. Barbara McGhee, 20, Hutchison's live-in girlfriend, was being held in the case.

Detroit recorded 15 homicides over the recent four-day Memorial Day weekend, and the city's homicide toll stood at 287 as of Sunday afternoon.

The figure is 101 more than the same date last year but falls 56 short of the same date in 1974, when the city had a record 801 homicides for the year.

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