

Suspect in slaying also accused in shooting; Days before Aug. 9 beating death in nightclub, rampaging gunman injured 3 at strip joint

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Detroit -- According to police accounts, not only does Eiland Johnson not know how to behave at a nightclub, he doesn't know how to dress for one either.

Johnson, 38, is one of three men accused of the murder of Robert Alexander in a Southfield nightclub on Aug. 9 as reported Friday in The Detroit News.

As it happens, Johnson is also the suspect in a Detroit strip club shooting 10 days earlier.

According to Sgt. Todd Eby of the Detroit Police Department, Johnson was drinking at Cheetah's on The Strip on Eight Mile on July 30, when he got into an altercation with a stripper.

Police say the suspect -- dressed in short pants and a tank top -- went to his vehicle and retrieved a 9 mm handgun.

A video surveillance tape shows a man walking into the club around 2:30 a.m. and indiscriminately firing a number of rounds. Three people were struck. The shooter ran away.

Johnson is to be arraigned Nov. 16 in 36th District Court.

He is being held in Oakland County in the beating death of Alexander at Arturo's jazz club in Southfield. A witness, Anthony Alls, told Southfield police that he saw Johnson and his associates -- Darnell Cooley, 33, and Deandre Woolfolk, 20 -- kill Alexander with bottles and a rope stanchion. The men are reputed members of the *Black Mafia Family* narcotics gang.

A few weeks after giving his statement, Alls was mowed down in a shower of bullets as he left work at a Detroit barbershop.

Judge Susan M. Moiseev of 46th District Court in Southfield is expected to rule Nov. 18 on the admissibility of the Alls statement to police.

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