

Prostitute killer gets life without parole - Jury finds Shelly Brooks guilty; he faces similar charges in deaths of 6 more, is suspected in 7 others.

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DETROIT -- A man police say **is** one **of** the most prolific serial **killers** in city history, murdering as many as 14 **prostitutes** , was **convicted** Wednesday **of** the 2002 **murder of a prostitute** .

A Wayne Circuit Court jury deliberated 10 hours over two days before finding Shelly Brooks, 38, guilty **of** first-degree **murder** in the **death of** 33-year-old Pamela Greer. Greer's beaten body was found Jan. 22, 2002, in an abandoned building on St. Paul.

Brooks **is** facing **murder** charges in the killing **of** six other **prostitutes** dating to 2001. He **is** also suspected **of** killing seven others in a **murder** spree that police said began in 1999. The last woman was killed in Oct. 15, 2005. Greer was the second victim found in the house on St. Paul. Six months earlier, the body **of** Sandra Davis, 53, was found in that building.

"It a relief that we got the first conviction out **of** the way," said Investigator Mike Carlisle **of** the Homicide Section. "This certainly clears the way for the rest **of** the trials coming up. It's a relief to the family **of** Pamela Greer, certainly, and we are going to continue to **get** that satisfaction for the rest **of** the families. It **is** a relief to have this predator **of** the streets."

Police used DNA to tie Brooks to each **of** the seven victims he **is** charged with killing. In each case, the women were drug users who were raped, then beaten to **death** . The bodies were found in the Mack-Chalmers area **of** the east side.

Police were led to Brooks by a woman who survived a rape and beating. He **is** charged with rape and assault in her case.

Brooks **is** expected to stand trial next in the killing **of** Rhonda Myles, 45, who was found April 22, 2002, in a house on Manistique. He will be sentenced to **life** in prison without parole for killing Greer.

In charging Brooks, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said his mother had a drug problem and he seemed to project his anger about his upbringing onto his victims.

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