

Teen Sniper Suspect Trial Begins

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face the possibility of the death penalty if convicted.

Prosecutors in Muhammad's trial, which began its fourth week of testimony Monday in Virginia Beach, are also trying to convince a jury that Muhammad exerted such control over Malvo that Muhammad should be held responsible for the shootings that killed 10 and wounded three in the Washington area.

Throughout Muhammad's trial, prosecutors have combined emotional testimony from victims and victims' relatives with forensic evidence, including DNA linking

Muhammad to a rifle sight found in his car. Muhammad is on trial only for one killing, but the prosecution needs to prove participation in multiple killings or terrorizing of the public to get the death penalty.

It remains unclear who actually pulled the trigger in each of the shootings.

Investigators have testified in Muhammad's trial that Malvo's fingerprints were on the .223-caliber rifle used in the sniper killings, and that his DNA or fingerprints were found on evidence from several of the scenes.

But while prosecutors in Malvo's case say Malvo has admitted committing many of the

shootings and laughed and bragged about the shootings to interrogators and prison guards, Muhammad's prosecutors argue it doesn't matter who pulled the trigger.

They say Muhammad, who referred to Malvo as his son and plunged him into a lifestyle of rigor and discipline, was the "moving spirit." That most of the evidence can be traced to Malvo only shows how carefully Muhammad controlled the situation, they contend.

Malvo's defense lawyers argue that he only confessed to protect Muhammad, and that Muhammad was the mastermind of the sniper attacks.

Seattle Killer Admits to 48 Murders

Green River serial murders worst in U.S. history

(AP)—Gary Ridgway, the former truck painter suspected of being the Green River Killer, went into court last Wednesday and admitted to 48 murders. "I killed so many women I have a hard time keeping them straight," he said in a confession read aloud in court.

Ridgway, 54, admitted to the murders — more than any other serial killer in U.S. history — in a plea deal that would guarantee he avoids the death penalty in Washington state. Instead, Ridgway will receive life in prison without parole.

"I wanted to kill as many women as I thought were prostitutes as I possibly could," Ridgway also said in the statement.

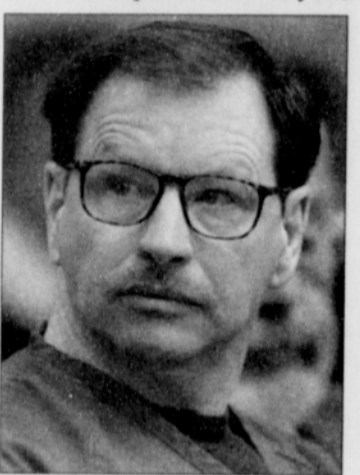
However, two of the bodies on the official list of Green River victims were found in Oregon, which has capital punishment, and it was still unclear whether Ridgway will plead to those.

The remains of scores of women, mainly runaways and prostitutes, turned up near ravines, rivers, airports and freeways in the 1980s.

Of them, investigators officially listed 49 women as probable victims of the Green River Killer, named for the river south of Seattle where the first victims were found in 1982. In many cases, the killer had sex with his victim and then strangled her.

Ridgway had been a suspect ever since 1984, when Marie Malvar's boyfriend reported that he last saw her getting into a pickup truck identified as Ridgway's.

But Ridgway told police he didn't know Malvar, and a police investigator who knew him cleared him as a suspect. Later that year,



sample to DNA taken from the bodies of three of the earliest victims.

Ridgway was arrested as he left work Nov. 30, 2001, and later pleaded innocent to seven killings. But facing DNA evidence and the prospect of the death penalty, he began cooperating and trading information for his life.

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— Gary Ridgway, Green River serial killer

Ridgway contacted the King County sheriff's Green River task force — ostensibly to offer information about the case — and passed a polygraph test.

Detectives continued to suspect him, however, and in 1987 they searched his house and took a saliva sample. It was 13 years before DNA technology caught up to their suspicions and they could link that

He confessed to 42 of the 49 listed killings, as well as six not on the list, the sources have said. He directed authorities to four sets of previously undiscovered remains.

Ridgway is still a suspect in the seven remaining cases on the original list of 49. His agreement with prosecutors stipulates that he will continue cooperating for six months.



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Clues Sought in Downtown Murder

Police are looking for help in solving the murder of Daniel Aaron Adesan, an 18-year-old African-American man who was shot and killed around 3:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25 at West Burnside Street and Northwest Sixth Avenue.

Investigators are wondering why Adesan was downtown at the time and whom he was with.



Daniel Aaron Adesan

Reportedly, after Adesan was shot and fell to the ground, several people ran over and went through his clothing and removed items, including his identification, which is still missing.

Police believe there were witnesses to the shooting who have not come forward, including two African-American males seen running from the area.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, any you need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP.

Rap Legend's Death Remains a Mystery

Gunman still at large one year later

(AP) — A year has passed since a gunman clad in black walked into the Queens recording studio of Jam Master Jay and — possibly after greeting the rap legend with a hug — pumped a bullet into his head.

Since then, New York City police say they have pursued "several significant leads," including some that suggest the rap legend died in a dispute over money. But the anniversary of a slaying that shook the music industry passed with the killer still at large.

Homicide detectives in Queens — where the pre-eminent DJ and founding member of Run-DMC was killed on Oct. 30, 2002 — say the case



Jason "Jam Master Jay" Mizell.

remains a top priority. They deny reports their hunt for the gunman has stalled.

"It's a very active investigation," Deputy Chief Michael Collins, a police spokesman. "We're pursuing several significant leads."

The city, music industry notables and family members have helped keep the killing in the headlines by offering tens of thousands of dollars

in rewards. But privately, investigators have complained that some witnesses have been uncooperative. And with no major breaks, the case has drawn comparisons to the unsolved slayings of rap superstars Tupac Shakur in Las Vegas and Notorious B.I.G. in Los Angeles.

Liquor License Complaints Heard

An annual liquor license renewal process is giving interested parties the ability to identify problems before the city makes renewal recommendations to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The deadline for making comments to the

Office of Neighborhood Involvement on all liquor licenses located north of Burnside is Nov. 15.

Officials said neighbors who do not wish to formally oppose an outlet's renewal, can still bring issues to the city's attention so it can work with the licensees to resolve specific problems informally.

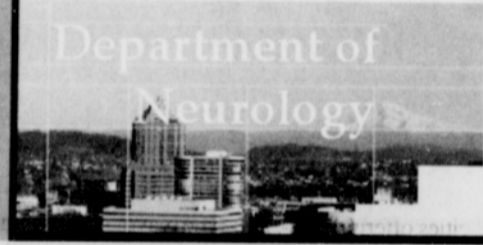
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