

# Ex-Marine's trial in slaying begins

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telephone still talking with the police department, with the gun on the floor and the apparently deceased Magion lying nearby.

Florian called and reportedly told police: "I'm calling to turn myself in."

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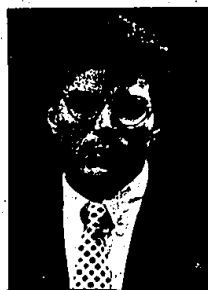
I shot him three times. I wanted to serve justice. I did what I thought was right," according to previous news reports.

Evidence technicians testified they found a rifle, evidence of its purchase, a writing tablet reportedly used by the victim shortly before his death, and spent bullet casings and bullet holes in the apartment.

An employee of the Meljers store identified Florian as the man who paid cash for the .493 gun and ammunition shortly before noon on July 3.

"A man came up to the counter and asked me what was the cheapest gun we had and he said 'I'll take it,'" the employee said. "He seemed to be in a hurry."

A key piece of evidence — a receipt which prosecutors allege shows Florian went to that same Meljers store at 3 a.m. the day of the shooting and purchased steel chain, four locks and duct tape — apparently was lost and no longer exists, according to police testimony.



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

Defendant Ray Florian surveys the courtroom Tuesday, where members of his family and those of the victim's were seated, watching the proceedings.

The Florian trial is expected to continue through this week, and possibly go to the jury for a decision Friday or Monday.

# Woman attacked in condo

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not include a sexual assault and the descriptions of the intruders are different, Loe said.

IN THE FARMINGTON Hills case, "the (first) suspect said that he was selling something and before the reporting person (owner) could close the door, the suspect pulled a black 9 mm Browning semi-automatic handgun from his waistband," the police report said.

After forcing the owner back inside the door, the intruder made him lay face down on the floor and tied his feet with twine. He then handcuffed the owner from behind.

About this time, a second man entered the condo, but the owner could not observe him, the report said. This man had a thin mustache, and wore a white shirt with dark jeans and a dark blue coat.

Upon entering the home, this second man went upstairs and found the woman sleeping in a master bedroom.

He woke her and made her remove the ring and the necklace that she was wearing. The two sexual as-

saults occurred in that room, Loe said.

THE SECOND intruder tied the woman's feet with twine and left her on the bed, the report said.

This man began to search the upstairs rooms and attic crawl space. He also called the owner by his first name, the report said.

"Both suspects then ransacked the house for about 45 minutes," police said.

The owner was uncuffed briefly and forced to open a safe in an upstairs room. No money was taken from the safe, but \$80 was taken from the owner's pockets and \$100 more from a dresser drawer, according to Loe.

The intruders then tied both people together in bed.

"They remained inside about 15

minutes more and then untied themselves after the men left."

The owner told police that he got a brief look at the second man when he was opening the safe. That man was armed with a handgun, the owner told police.

A neighbor told police that about 1 a.m. that morning, he observed two vehicles — a white pickup truck and a small red sports car — parked outside the condo.

Police took as evidence several items, including a baggie with a small amount of marijuana which the victims said one of the suspects left on the bed. "Both victims denied ownership," Loe said.

The first man is described as 6-foot-7, weighing about 190 pounds. The second is 5-foot-9, 175 pounds. Both are black males in their early 20s.

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