

Print at shooting tied to victim's twin

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COLUMBUS, Ohio -- Police experts say a bloody palm print found at the scene of a fatal shooting in Franklin County, Ohio, allegedly belonged to the victim's twin brother.

Police expert Mark L. Bryant alleged in Franklin County Common Pleas Court said a bloody print found on a wall at the scene of Dennis Lewis' death belonged to the shooting victim's brother, Derris, The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch reported Thursday.

"A latent print is a chance print," Bryant, whose conclusion was supported by three other police experts, said Wednesday. "Every finger and palm print is different and no two prints have ever been found to be alike."

Derris Lewis, 19, is facing charges of murder, aggravated murder, kidnapping, aggravated burglary and aggravated robbery in relation to his brother's death in January 2008.

The twins' mother, April, previously testified that her son was killed when at least three armed men entered her home on Jan. 18, 2008. She alleged after hearing a gunshot during the home invasion, she found Dennis dead in a hallway.

Assistant county prosecutors have alleged the fatal shooting may have been the result of a dispute between the twin brothers over money, the Dispatch said.

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