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## OPA-LOCKA: Man on trial for 2006 Opa-locka shootout

Trial started Thursday for a man accused of shooting at two undercover detectives at an Opa-locka drug den, gravely wounding one.

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**Jermaine** "Black" **Williams** was part of a sophisticated Opa-locka drug peddling operation in October 2006 when he unleashed a hail of bullets in a shootout that left a police officer wounded and a drug dealer dead, jurors heard Thursday.

"He shot at the police knowing they were officers," prosecutor Juliana Million told jurors Thursday during opening statements at **Williams'** trial in Miami-Dade Circuit Court.

Not so, countered defense attorney Clayton Kaiser, who said Miami-Dade detectives falsely arrested **Williams** with little evidence after a botched operation that amounted to a "public relations disaster."

"Police have to make arrests in this case. Somebody is dead. Somebody has to pay for this," Kaiser said.

**Williams**, 22, is charged with attempted **murder** for allegedly shooting at Miami-Dade Detective Ray Robertson, who was hit seven times, and Opa-locka Detective Miguel Galvez. The officers killed attacker Gregory Fraser, 21; **Williams** is also charged with felony **murder** for Fraser's death.

**Williams** confessed to Miami-Dade detectives, and his fingerprint was found on a box inside the apartment containing drugs, Million said.

Jurors heard that in October 2006, Galvez, Robertson and a confidential informant, in an unmarked car, drove into the Aswan Road apartments to identify an apartment believed to be a stash place for guns and drugs.

Fraser, 21, walked up and opened the police car's door. Robertson, the driver, backed up but was rear-ended and blocked by another car, Galvez said. Someone yelled "police.&quot;

"Gunfire erupted and basically, at that point, it was a shootout," Galvez testified.

Struck in the stomach, Fraser fell to the ground, still firing. Two others, who prosecutors identify as **Williams** and Rodney Solomon, were also shooting. Robertson, bleeding profusely, and Galvez escaped through a hole in a fence to a nearby convenience store, where they called 911. A mob gathered outside.

Kaiser suggested that the operation was bungled, with no backup in a dangerous apartment building. Galvez explained no backup was needed because the operation was only to gain information.

"I guess it didn't work out for you, did it?" Kaiser asked of the operation.

Galvez replied: "Thank God it worked out -- I made it out alive."

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