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Alleged shooter takes it all back

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Jermaine Williams explained in court why he didn't understand his legal rights when he confessed about his alleged role in a gunfight that left one pal and a police officer wounded outside an Opa-locka drug den.

He was high.

"A good two, three joints," **Williams**, 21, testified Monday, days before Miami-Dade County jurors will be asked to determine his fate.

His attorney, Clayton Kaiser, conceded the haze was not all consuming.

"He wasn't stoned to the point he was incoherent and in a coma," Kaiser said.

"He was stoned to the point that he didn't have full knowledge of what his rights were."

Prosecutors say **Williams** was one of three drug dealers who shot at two undercover officers inside an unmarked car outside an Opa-locka apartment in November 2006. Miami-Dade police Detective Ray Robertson, who survived seven bullet wounds, shot and killed Gregory Fraser, 21.

The third suspect, Rodney Solomon, 29, is awaiting trial.

Williams is charged with attempted **murder** and felony **murder** for Fraser's death.

Williams was arrested two days later when a neighborhood woman tipped off cops to his whereabouts. Patrolman Miguel Reyes arrested **Williams** for a marijuana bag in his pocket. Homicide detectives questioned him later.

Kaiser says the confession was illegal because the tip was anonymous, so **Williams** had no way of knowing why police wanted to question him.

That night, **Williams** signed and initialed his Miranda form, which acknowledges the right to remain silent and have a lawyer present.

He also denied being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, Detective Stephen Parr testified.

Not so, **Williams** claimed on the witness stand.

In fact, he got high over three hours while with his younger brother and friends. He didn't share the joints, he insisted.

"I wasn't going to give marijuana to minors," **Williams** said.

"It's against your moral code to share marijuana with youngsters?" prosecutor David Waksman asked.

"Those are just my brother's friends. I was just in the neighborhood," he said.

Adding to his inability to understand his rights, he said: the police station's frigid air, no bathroom break and shoes confiscated by cops.

Circuit Judge Ellen Sue Venzer was unconvinced.

"He's stoned on two to three joints smoked alone. Someone took his shoes away. It's cold -- and he needs to urinate?" she wondered.

Venzer denied **Williams'** motion to toss out the confession.

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