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COURTS: Dealer guilty of trying to kill cops

Jurors convicted a man accused of trying to kill two police detectives in an Opa-locka shootout.

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After a firefight in Opa-locka left him with bullet wounds to the neck, arms and buttocks, Miami-Dade police Detective Ray Robertson staggered to safety inside a nearby convenience store.

His partner, Opa-locka police Detective Miguel Galvez, was there too, calling for backup.

"I saw he was covered in blood and flesh and skin and hunks of meat and I asked, 'Are you hit?'" Robertson testified Tuesday at the trial of a man accused of trying to kill him. "He said no. Then I saw it was parts of my body that were all over Detective Galvez, on his face, on his body."

Jurors Tuesday night convicted **Jermaine Williams**, 22, after hearing Robertson testify calmly about the October 2006 night he was ambushed while inside an undercover police car.

Williams was found guilty on two counts of attempted voluntary manslaughter with a weapon, conspiracy to commit armed drug trafficking and second-degree felony **murder** for the death of a fellow dealer killed by police in the gun battle.

Williams will be sentenced at a later date. "I'm very happy justice has been served," Robertson said.

The jury believed **Williams** was one of three men who shot at Robertson, Galvez and a confidential informant who had driven into the Aswan Road apartments on an undercover mission to identify an apartment filled with guns and drugs. Robertson returned fire.

"What we have here is a 24-7 major league dope operation," prosecutor David Waksman told jurors.

Williams' fellow drug dealer, Gregory Fraser, 21, was shot dead in the gunfight. Rodney Solomon, 29, is awaiting trial.

Williams confessed to police, and his fingerprints were found on a blue Reebok shoe box containing drugs found at the scene, prosecutors Waksman and Juliana Millon said at trial.

Defense attorney Clayton Kaiser told jurors that police had embarked on a "reckless" mission to start with. He did not address whether his client fired at the officers, but said **Williams** had nothing to do with Fraser's attack on the cops.

Fraser "picked the wrong people to pull a gun on, that's for sure," Kaiser said. "But Mr. **Williams** didn't have anything to do with that."

That night, Robertson testified, Fraser, gun in hand, tried opening a door on the undercover vehicle as another car plowed into the unmarked sedan. Robertson recalled yelling "Police!"

The gun battle ensued. One bullet grazed the detective's neck. Fraser, shot in the stomach, fell backward, still firing, Robertson testified.

A bullet struck Robertson's right arm as he was still seated. Switching the gun to his left hand, Robertson kept firing -- until another bullet smashed into that arm.

Galvez escaped to the store down the block. Robertson, crawling over the center console, was hit once more. "At that point, I felt a bullet hit in my left butt cheek. I felt the bullet travel through my flesh, hit me in the groin, stop in my groin," Robertson recalled.

Robertson zigzagged to the store, dodging bullets. Inside, his fingers began twitching uncontrollably.

"I was light-headed and leaned against a burrito rack and burritos are flying everywhere at that point," Robertson said.

Fraser's body was found inside a nearby apartment, where he hid under a mattress and apparently bled to death, police said.

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