

Witness: Friend killed at drug buy - Man testifies salon owner shot him, friend during drug buy

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MOUNT CLEMENS -- Troy Christian and Stanley Rhymes entered the Wild Stylz Hair Salon in Eastpointe in January with \$30,000 in cash, looking to buy marijuana.

Instead, they were greeted by a hail of bullets as salon owner **Shannon Anderson** opened fire on them, wounding Christian and killing Rhymes on Jan. 15, according to Christian's testimony Thursday during Anderson's first-degree murder trial in Macomb County Circuit Court.

The men met in the parking lot of a Harper Woods restaurant and drove to the salon on Old Eight Mile.

Anderson, who owned the salon, brought out a gray garbage bag that the men thought contained the marijuana, and bent over they thought to open the bag to show them the goods.

"You are all going to love this. There is going to be some flying," Christian recalled Anderson saying about the drugs.

Anderson then stood up straight holding a gun, which he pointed at the two men and began shooting, Christian said.

When the shooting concluded, Christian, 41, was struck once in the arm and Rhymes, 30, lay dead near the salon's front door.

Christian was able to take a .357 revolver from Rhymes' pocket and shoot at Anderson's Cadillac in the salon's parking lot as Anderson left the salon.

"I started yelling 'what did you do, what did you do?' " an emotional Christian said.

Defense attorney Ronnie Cromer attempted to discredit Christian's three different statements. Cromer alleges Anderson shot in self-defense.

Macomb Assistant Prosecutor Steve Kaplan is arguing the motive was robbery because Anderson had lost tens of thousands of dollars at the MGM Detroit Casino.

Anderson is charged with first-degree murder, felony firearm, possession of a firearm by a felon and assault with intent to murder.

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