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MOUNT CLEMENS — A Macomb County **jury** watched a **video** during a murder trial on Thursday that showed an Eastpointe party store manager raise his hands just before a man dressed **in** black clears out two cash registers and points the gun at the clerk.

Then, the clerk is shown lying on the ground.

Sinan Hanna, the man who survived a gunshot wound to the head during the Sept. 27 armed **robbery** at the Original Buscemi's pizza shop/party store, testified on Thursday that his shooter was one of the defendants: Isaiah Mayweather.

"How certain are you?" asked Macomb County Assistant Prosecutor Steve Fox.

"100 percent," Hanna said. "I opened the registers for him and put up my hands like this."

Hanna also identified Mayweather's friend and co-defendant, Winfred Roger Phillips, as the man who shot his co-worker, Mohammed Al-Harbi, while he was sweeping at the back of the store. Prosecutors said Al-Harbi was shot 11 times.

The tape, taken from surveillance cameras at Buscemi's, showed a man wearing a white T-shirt and red bandana walk to the back of the store, point a gun at Al-Harbi and chase him down an aisle. Minutes later Al-Harbi is shown crawling out of the store's back office.

Hanna said Al-Harbi told him, "I'm going to die."

Phillips, 28, and Mayweather, 26, both of Detroit, are charged with felony murder and other charges **in** connection with the shooting at Buscemi's.

The trial continues today before Macomb Circuit Judge Donald Miller.

Defense attorneys argued against Hanna's credibility as a witness because during a November preliminary exam Hanna said the second man wasn't black.

"You don't really know what these men look like," said Mayweather's defense attorney, Joseph Kosmala.

Hanna said he didn't remember giving that testimony.

"I'm not mistaken," he said.

Hanna testified that he had trouble identifying them when he looked through suspect photos while **in** the hospital because he was medicated from his injury. During one previous court session **in** Eastpointe District Court, Hanna said he recognized Mayweather because he looked at his face while Mayweather pointed the gun at him.

Also, Hanna testified at another court session that he identified Phillips after looking at his facial profile. He said he only saw a side view of Phillips when he entered Buscemi's.

Both suspects fled the area following the shooting. Authorities say Mayweather was arrested on a train leaving Chicago and Phillips was arrested at a relative's home **in** the Grand Rapids area.

Phillips' defense attorney, Timothy Barkovic, is expected to conduct his cross-examination of Hanna today.

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