

## NEW TRIAL DATE SET IN SHOOT-OUT

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An assistant Wayne County prosecutor said Friday that reputed drug gang enforcer Kurt (Kurt McGurk) Napier will be tried for allegedly trying to kill a Detroit police sergeant, despite the expected testimony of key witnesses that Napier was not the man who fled from a police **shoot-out**.

Assistant Prosecutor Douglas Baker told Recorder's Court Judge Warfield Moore Jr. that the identification will be left to a jury. Although the other witnesses will not identify Napier, Baker said, Sgt. Wilbert Hyman "will positively identify" Napier as the man who fired a sawed-off shotgun at him to escape from a west side Detroit alley Sept. 8.

Moore, saying he could not stop the prosecution, told Baker that the evidence seems to point toward innocence. Moore **set a trial date** of June 25.

Defense attorney W. Otis Culpepper said prosecutors "know four out the five witnesses will say this is not the man. They called Napier Public Enemy No. 1, and you can't dismiss a case against Public Enemy No. 1, no matter how weak it is."

Napier, 19, an alleged hit man and enforcer for the Young Boys Inc. heroin ring, is charged with assault with intent to murder **in a shoot-out** with Hyman, who was looking for Napier **in** a west side arcade. Napier was wanted then on charges of murder and assault with intent to murder.

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