

SUSPECT INTENDED TO ' POP A COP ,' WITNESS TESTIFIES

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LANSING -- (AP) -- A Detroit man told companions he was going **to** " **pop a cop** " before he gunned down a state trooper in February, Ingham County prosecutors told a jury Tuesday.

Trooper Craig Scott "didn't even have his pistol out when the shooting started," said county Prosecutor Peter Houk. Defendant Juivonne Littlejohn "knew that Scott was wearing a bulletproof vest and aimed where that vest would not protect," Houk said.

THE STATEMENTS came during opening arguments in the trial of two Detroit men charged in the Feb. 9 slaying of Scott.

Charged with murder and armed robbery are Littlejohn, 24, and his half brother, Dennis Wynn, 28.

The two reportedly were among five people in a red Chevrolet Camaro that Scott stopped for a traffic violation on a highway south of Lansing

Littlejohn allegedly shot Scott after the trooper arrested and handcuffed Wynn for driving without a license.

Littlejohn's attorney, Paul DeCocq of Howell, admitted his client killed Scott , but denied the act was premeditated.

IN statements, DeCocq said Littlejohn's shots were a "rash, spontaneous, not-thought-out act which had no relation **to** reason or common sense."

Houk claimed Wynn must share responsibility for the shooting because Littlejohn was "acting on a signal" from his half brother when he fired at Scott.

"Even though he was handcuffed and under arrest . . . defendant Wynn gave the signal that set these crimes in motion," Houk said.

Houk said Wynn secretly was instructing his half brother **to** shoot Scott when he repeatedly told Littlejohn **to** hand him some gloves.

Houk told jurors that after the shooting, "Wynn explained **to** defendant Littlejohn, "I'm glad you caught on about my gloves . . . you were supposed **to** have got him before he put the (hand)cuffs on.' "

Wynn's lawyer reserved the right **to** offer an opening statement later.

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