

TESTIMONY: SUSPECT TOLD OF RETRIBUTION - VICTIMS' DAD WAS CALLED BEFORE SHOOTING, DEATH

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The man accused of killing one child and wounding her three siblings in a drive-by shooting called their father shortly before the incident to tell him he was going to mess up two members of the household, according to court testimony Tuesday.

"He called me," Jason Pollard, 25, of Detroit testified at a preliminary examination in 36th District Court in Detroit. Judge Ruth Ann Garrett ordered **Willie Robinson** and two other men to stand trial in the Feb. 25 shooting.

Pollard said he thought Robinson, 24, of Detroit just wanted to beat up two household members who had confronted Robinson outside the home moments earlier. Pollard said he warned Robinson: "Just make sure my kids don't get involved."

Asked why he didn't do anything to try to protect his children, Pollard said, "I didn't think they were going to get hurt."

The incident happened in the 16700 block of Dolphin, outside the home of Aelizabeth Niebrzydowski, 25, and her children, who all were in the car.

Testimony indicated that Niebrzydowski's nephew, Donnell Brown, 16, was angry at Robinson for buying a car radio from him with counterfeit money.

Brown or Niebrzydowski's brother, Anthony Niebrzydowski, 22, dented Robinson's car with a baseball bat.

Robinson and his companion, Joel Allen, 24, of Detroit, allegedly borrowed a M1 carbine from Bryant Daniels, 39, of Detroit. Allen allegedly was the driver.

Robinson told police he didn't realize anyone was in the car. Allen and Daniels told police they didn't realize Robinson was planning to shoot anyone.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Terrence Haugabook said they all knew what they were doing.

Robinson and Allen are charged with first-degree murder and five counts of assault with intent to murder. Robinson also is charged with possession of a firearm in commission of a felony. The murder charge carries a mandatory penalty of life in prison without parole.

Daniels was bound over on a second-degree murder charge and possession of a firearm in commission of a felony. Second-degree murder carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. The firearm charge carries a consecutive 2-year prison sentence.

Ajaneé Pollard, 7, was killed in the shooting. Three other children -- Alyiah Pollard, 4, and Aerica Pollard, 6, and Jason Pollard Jr., 6 -- were wounded. Jason Pollard is listed in fair condition at Children's Hospital. Aelizabeth Niebrzydowski also was wounded.

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