

## TRIAL OF 3 MEN OPENS IN HART ST. SLAYINGS

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Merlene Heath recalled that she was just returning to bed the night **of** Aug. 10 when the telephone interrupted her.

"It was Mr. Clean -- Lawrence (Heath), my grandson," Heath testified Tuesday **in** Recorder's Court. "He said, 'Grandma, help us! All **of** us have been shot and killed!' Then the neighbors started and kept calling. They must have known it was terrible, terrible bad."

Inside the flat on the 2200 block **of Hart Street**, three adults and a child had been machine-gunned to death during a drug house robbery. Lawrence Heath, 17, and an eight-month-old girl were the only survivors

ON **TRIAL** before Judge Craig Strong are Charles (Little Charlie) Wilson, 20; Darnell (Fats) Wiley, 23, and Derrick (Papa) Dupree, 28.

Wilson and Wiley are charged with armed robbery, four counts **of** murder and one count **of** assault with intent to murder. Dupree, who allegedly supplied the machine guns, is charged with armed robbery. If convicted, all three **men** face up to life **in** prison

A fourth **man**, Anthony (Pretty Tony) Goodman, was arrested last month **in** Cleveland and will stand **trial** separately on the murder, assault and robbery charges.

Killed were Charles (Rusty) Hampton, 21, who sold marijuana out **of** the flat; his wife, Pamela, 21; a 12-year-old nephew, Herman Robinson, and a friend Charlie Grace, 33. Wounded was Mrs. Hampton's brother, Lawrence (Mr. Clean) Heath, 17. The Hamptons' infant daughter was not injured.

All the victims -- the adults lined up, face down on the living room floor and the child on a sofa - - suffered multiple gunshot wounds, according to autopsies. Young Robinson had been shot most. Four **of** his seven wounds were to the face or head.

Heath, who was shot **in** the back and leg as he fled, was unable to identify any **of** the gunmen.

THE CASE against the three **men** on **trial** for the "**Hart Street** Massacre" will be built on the testimony **of** snitches and scientists, Assistant Prosecutor David Higbee told the jury Tuesday **in** his opening statement.

But, he said the scientific testimony will convince them "beyond a reasonable doubt" that the **men** are tied to the murders and robbery.

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