

## **New trial sought in terrorism case - Drug dealer is told to answer questions about key witness**

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DETROIT ? A federal judge has ordered a convicted drug dealer to answer questions about his conversations with a government witness, a ruling that could threaten convictions of two men on terror-related charges.

U.S. District Judge Gerald E. Rosen on Monday ordered Milton "Butch" Jones to answer questions about his conversations with Youssef Hmimssa, who was the government's key witness **in** the 2003 Detroit **terrorism trial** .

Two men were convicted of providing material support to terrorists while a third man was convicted of a lesser charge.

Jones, awaiting **trial in** a **case** that could bring the death penalty, told U.S. attorneys **in** 2001 that Hmimssa admitted lying to the FBI about the **case** , but the information was not shared with defense attorneys.

Rosen ruled that Jones' notes on the conversation must be given to government and defense lawyers. As a result, the defense has **sought a new trial** and says there is a pattern of withholding evidence.

"I believe we will get more evidence that hasn't been turned over and more ammunition for a **new trial** ," said lawyer James C. Thomas.

Caption: Hmimssa

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