

MAN, CLEARED IN REPUTED DRUG KILLING, SHOT

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Lodrick Parker , acquitted in the September 1988 hospital- bed slaying of reputed drug dealer Richard (Maserati Rick) Carter, was wounded early Wednesday in a gun battle in Oak Park.

Parker , his thigh bone shattered by a bullet, was taken to a metro Detroit hospital after the attack, Oak Park police said. He was under police guard, and his condition was not available Wednesday.

Police gave this account:

Shortly after 3 a.m., a tear-gas canister was fired through the front window of a house on Greenbriar Street in the 8 Mile Road-Coolidge Highway area. As **Parker** , 29, apparently tried to leave through the back door, two gunmen at the rear of the house opened fire.

Others inside the house fired several shots at the gunmen, who fled. No one else in the house was injured but Rory Jones, 22, no address listed, was jailed on a Detroit narcotics warrant.

According to Sgt. James Babbish, shell casings indicated that at least 10 shots were fired at the house from a 9mm automatic weapon and from another weapon of different caliber, probably an assault rifle.

Parker 's attorney in the Maserati Rick case, Rene Cooper, said **Parker** 's attackers probably believed he was involved in the Carter killing.

"I would have hoped that that notion would have ended when the jury acquitted him" Dec. 21, Cooper said.

Carter was shot in the face at Detroit's Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital, where he was recuperating from wounds suffered in a gun battle two days earlier in which **Parker** also was wounded.

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