

TRIAL ORDERED IN POWELL SLAYING ' SNITCH ' KILLER BRAGGED , WITNESS SAYS

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Adolph (Doc Holliday) Powell was gunned down **in** a west side Detroit bar **in** January because he was a " **snitch** ," according to testimony Tuesday **in** Detroit District Court.

Paulette Donald told Judge Louis Simmons Jr. she overheard Gregory Barnett bragging about assassinating Powell **in** the La Players Lounge **in** the 3300 block of Joy Road Jan. 22. Donald said Barnett also said he was sorry that a barmaid -- Jeanette Askew -- had to be killed at the same time.

"Gregory Barnett said, 'Did you see that mother----- when he got hit? I hit him so fast till he doesn't know what hit him,' " Donald said. "He said it was too bad about the girl. He was sorry it happened."

BARNETT, 32, WAS **ordered** to stand **trial in** Recorder's Court for the **slayings** of Powell, 50, who was acquitted **in** a 1979 drug-related triple beheading murder, and Askew, 23. He was also charged with assault with intent to commit murder **in** the shooting of Edward Marshall, who was wounded **in** the attack.

Donald said she was **in** a bedroom of a Detroit apartment when she heard Barnett and other people **in** the living room talking about Powell's murder. She said she put a water glass to the wall to hear more clearly.

"Barnett said, 'When you **snitch** , things like that happen to you. You know what you know and that's how things are taken care of,' " she recalled.

Marshall, who survived a shotgun blast **in** the back, also testified. He said he had been playing a video game **in** the bar when he heard a gunshot. He said he looked up to see Barnett holding a sawed-off shotgun, partially covered with a piece of leather.

"I seen the guy with the gun," Marshall said. "I looked and broke and ran to the bathroom, and then I got hit **in** the back . . . I got into the bathroom and fell between the commode and passed out."

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