

STUDENT SAYS SHE WAS SHOT BY SUSPECT'S BROTHER

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Hobbling on crutches from the bullet wound to her knee, 15- year-old Nakila Tillman saw the youth accused in her attack seated a few feet away in a Detroit courtroom and said: "That's not the boy that **shot** me."

It **was** his younger **brother** , Reginald Wyatt, 17, who fired the **shot** , Tillman told police Thursday.

The accusation surfaced after Christopher Wyatt, 18, had waived his right to a preliminary examination and **was** walking out of a 36th District courtroom. His younger **brother was** not present.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Paul Bruno asked Judge Jeanette O'Banner-Owens to adjourn the case so the charge could be investigated.

If Tillman hadn't spoken up while in the gallery, Christopher Wyatt would have faced trial on charges of carrying a concealed weapon and reckless discharge of a firearm in the March 27 hallway attack at Redford High School. The concealed weapons charge carries a prison sentence of up to five years upon conviction.

Tillman **was** one of three Detroit **students shot** in separate incidents at or near Detroit public schools the same day. The shootings were the worst since 11 **students** were **shot** in or near three schools on Nov. 4, 1992.

The latest spate outraged parents and forced school and police officials to again confront the troubling fact that kids have easy access to guns.

Sgt. Troy Quinn of the Gang Squad said Christopher Wyatt confessed but may have done so "to take the heat off his **brother** ." Now police will hold a lineup to allow Tillman to identify her alleged attacker.

But Christopher Wyatt's lawyer, Gabi Silver, said police coerced her client into making a statement. Silver said her client never confessed to firing the gun.

Wyatt told investigators he dropped the gun as he pulled it from his locker after he **was** threatened **by** another **student** . The gun fired when it hit the floor, hitting Tillman in the knee.

Silver said her client, his **brother** and two other youths shared a locker but had emptied it to move to another to avoid **students** who call themselves the Six Mile Boys, whose lockers are nearby.

Quinn said the .22-caliber revolver allegedly used in the Redford attack **was** found in a field near the school.

On Wednesday, Lewis Harris, 17, **was** charged with assault in the shooting at Pershing High School. Police said Harris, a **student**, **was** not in custody. Antwan Plummer, 16, **was** treated for a gunshot wound to the chest and released from a hospital.

Police also expect to file assault charges in the shooting outside Denby High of Elijah Stokes, 15. Stokes, **shot** in the head, remained in serious condition Thursday at St. John Hospital.

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