

FELON GUILTY AS ACCESSORY, NOT OF MURDER

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A Recorder's Court jury took less than an hour Thursday to reject a first-degree murder charge against former Detroit drug lord **Milton** (Butch) **Jones** , but convicted him of being an accessory after the fact in a 1982 slaying.

A codefendant, Richard (Richie Rich) Daniels, was acquitted of all charges in connection with the killing of Herman Amos.

Jones , currently serving a federal drug sentence, faces a maximum five-year prison term. The murder conviction would have meant life in prison. Judge George Crockett III set sentencing for July 7.

"I feel beautiful," said **Jones** , former leader of the Young Boys Inc. drug ring. "It's like a blessing in disguise. It just shows that the jury thought Kevin Wilson was just out for revenge."

Government informant Kevin (Lughead) Wilson, a former Young Boys lieutenant, was the key witness against **Jones** and Daniels, testifying that **Jones** shot Amos with a gold-plated .45-caliber pistol and that Daniels was among a group of gang members who opened fire on Amos as he fell.

Defense lawyer Jeffrey Collins attacked Wilson as "a liar . . . a convicted felon, a paid-off snitch . . . a professional witness, if you will."

Collins said that Wilson, who is scheduled to testify against **Jones** in another murder trial, sold his testimony just as eagerly as he sold drugs for Young Boys.

Assistant prosecutor Robert Hood told the jury that Wilson, a convicted drug dealer, "is not exactly a sterling citizen," but did know crucial information about the killing.

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