

WITNESSES WILL LIE , PROSECUTOR TELLS JURY

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A **prosecutor** told a Detroit Recorder's Court **jury** hearing the trial of reputed Young Boys Inc. drug ring enforcer Kurt (Kurt McGurk) Napier that some prosecution **witnesses will** "deliberately mistestify . . . **lie** to you" because of death threats surrounding the case.

Assistant Wayne County **Prosecutor** Robert Agacinski said in his opening statement Thursday that **witnesses** would be lying if they testified that Napier was not the man who sought refuge in a west side house after fleeing from a police shoot-out.

Napier, 19, is on trial before Judge Warfield Moore Jr. on a charge of assault with intent to murder in a Sept. 8 shoot-out in a west side alley with Detroit police Sgt. Wilbert Hyman.

Police say the shoot-out occurred during a chase after Hyman tried to arrest Napier at a video arcade on charges of murdering Joseph (Wamp) Brown, the day after Brown testified in a drug case on behalf of Raymond Peoples, the self-proclaimed founder of Young Boys Inc.

But defense attorney W. Otis Culpepper told the jurors that, despite Hyman's positive identification of Napier, other **witnesses will** testify truthfully that "Mr. Napier was not that man who was at that house."

Labeled "Public Enemy No. 1" by the **Prosecutor** 's Office, Napier was sought on a murder warrant at the time of the shooting. Well-publicized death threats in Napier's name have been made against Detroit police Homicide Inspector Gilbert Hill and Detroit District Judge Leon Jenkins.

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