

PARKER GUILTY IN 1989 ASSAULT ON PAIR AT STORE

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Reputed hit man Lodrick Parker -- facing life imprisonment **at** a sentencing today for a firebomb raid **on** Thomas Tye's religious goods **store** -- was convicted Wednesday of **assault** with intent to murder for another attack **on** Tye and his wife.

A Recorder's Court jury deliberated about an hour before convicting Parker of shooting and wounding Tye and his wife, Alice, **at** Blessed Candles religious goods shop **on** West Seven Mile Road **in** December **1989** .

Parker had been convicted Nov. 15 of blowing up the **store in** January but was acquitted of the slaying of Thomas Tye's sister **in** a separate attack.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Richard Cunningham said that Thomas Tye was set up by Benjie Kincaid who told Tye to make sure he was **at** the **store** because he was going to pass along information about the slaying of Tye's sister Charmaine.

Parker was dispatched by Kincaid, Cunningham said, and arrived moments after Thomas Tye entered the **store** . Tye was shot **in** the neck and his wife was shot **in** the leg, but both lived to identify Parker as the gunman.

Kincaid, according to investigators, is serving a life sentence for a 1977 murder, and Thomas Tye testified that Kincaid had been pestering him for money.

The convictions ended a remarkable winning streak **in** court for Parker, during which he was acquitted of the **1989** slaying of Charmaine Tye and the 1988 slaying of drug lord Richard (Maserati Rick) Carter **in** a hospital bed.

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: Lodrick Parker

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