

## **JURY CLEARS ONE OF TWO IN SLAYINGS OF TWO AT BAR**

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Prison escapee Roy Walker was acquitted Friday **in** the gangland-style murder **of** reputed narcotics chieftain Adolph (Doc Holliday) Powell and a barmaid last January **in** a west- side lounge.

But the Recorder's Court **jury of** three men and nine women will continue deliberations Monday on charges against co- defendant Gregory Barnett.

The **jury** deliberated about 90 minutes before clearing Walker, 35, **of two** counts **of** first-degree murder, assault with intent to murder and using a firearm during a felony. Barnett faces the same charges.

Walker's attorney, Elizabeth Jacobs, citing a court order against public comments during the trial, said she could only "thank the **jury** for a fine job."

WALKER AND BARNETT were accused **of** gunning down Powell, who was acquitted **of** murder **in** a 1979 drug-related triple beheading, and barmaid Jeanette Askew **in** La Players Lounge. A customer was wounded **in** the back as he tried to flee.

Powell, 50, and Askew, 23, were killed by shotgun and pistol fire from at least **two** men on both sides **of** Powell at the bar, according to testimony **in** the trial before Judge James Chylinski.

Investigators believe Powell knew his killers because he was found clutching a \$50 bill, and three glasses **of** cognac were lined up on the bar, as if he were buying drinks for the **two** men.

THE TRIAL was marked by the disappearance **of** key prosecution witness Paulette Donald, who testified at an earlier hearing that she overheard Walker and Barnett discussing the killing. She testified that Barnett bragged about how they surprised Powell, whom he labeled a police "snitch" who got what was coming to him.

Donald also had testified that her own life had been threatened **in** the case. Police had not found Donald as **of** Thursday.

Chylinski halted the trial for a week while the prosecution appealed his ruling that Donald's earlier testimony could not be used **in** the trial.

Donald's testimony was read to the **jury** Thursday after the state Court **of** Appeals ruled it could be used.

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