

## MISTRIAL ORDERED IN JAN. SLAYING OF CITY DRUG FIGURE

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A mistrial was declared Monday **in** the first-degree murder trial of Gregory (Fly) Barnett, accused **in** January's gangland- style **slaying** of reputed drug chieftain Adolph ( **Doc Holliday** ) Powell and a barmaid **in** a west side lounge.

Recorder's Court Judge James Chylinski ordered the mistrial when the jury of three men and nine women announced they could not reach a unanimous verdict after more than two days of deliberation.

Barnett, 33, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder, assault with intent to murder and using a firearm during a felony for the **slayings** of Powell and barmaid Jeanette Askew **in** La Players Lounge at Dexter and Joy Road. A customer was shot **in** the back, but survived.

THE VICTIMS were hit by pistol and shotgun fire from two men on either side of Powell at the bar, according to testimony. The survivor testified that Barnett wielded the shotgun.

Barnett will be tried again. A pre-trial hearing is scheduled for Wednesday before Chief Recorder's Court Judge Samuel Gardner.

If convicted, Barnett faces a mandatory sentence of life **in** prison without parole.

The jury acquitted co-defendant Roy Walker of the same **charges** Friday afternoon.

Powell, acquitted of taking part **in** a 1979 triple beheading at a west side club, was killed because he was a police informant who had to be silenced, according to testimony. Askew was killed because she was a witness to Powell's **slaying** , according to the testimony.

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