

Lahners says trial to run long

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On Thursday and Friday, Stewart said the shooter was Washington. Under questioning from Lahners Friday afternoon, Stewart said that he was first unsure it was Washington, then 100 percent sure, after the third of three shots.

"Is there any question in your mind that Riley Washington was the person who shot Jermaine Cole?" Lahners asked.

"There is no question in my mind," Stewart said.

But Eggers pointed out two separate times that Stewart said in court under oath that he could not positively identify the shooter.

She also asked Stewart about two other instances where he said he couldn't identify the shooter — once



Washington

to a police officer and another to a public defender's office investigator.

"You never told (Lincoln Police) Detective (Greg) Sorensen, who you knew to be a police officer, Riley Washington was the shooter?" Eggers asked.

"Correct," Stewart said.

Eggers also hammered away at previous testimony where Stewart said he did not see the second and third shot because he was running the other way. He testified that he saw only the gun on the first shot.

Stewart testified Thursday that he watched the gun on the first two shots and saw the shooter on the third before he ran. He said he did not run until after the third shot, despite his previous testimony.

Apparently attempting to help his witness, Lahners asked Stewart if there were any details he could have left out from an event that happened a year and a half ago. Stewart said yes.

Lahners also asked Stewart about being an unwilling witness. Stewart,

a convicted felon who was testifying in a corrections uniform, said he had tried to avoid going to court.

"I didn't really want nothing to do with this," he said. "I was already going to court for things, troubles that I had. I was tired of going into the courtroom."

More prosecution witnesses are expected to be called Monday. Lancaster County District Court Judge Bernard McGinn had told the jury the trial could end as soon as Wednesday, but Lahners said Friday that it would last a few days longer.

In other court-related news: Muhammed, another former Husker wingback, was arrested in Omaha for possession of 4 pounds of marijuana. He was being held on suspicion of possession with intent to deliver.

Muhammed had been subpoenaed as a defense witness, but it was unclear if he was to testify or not. He is still subject to the subpoena.

Corrections & Clarifications

An error was made in the gay marriage story that ran in the wedding guide last Friday (Jan. 24). The church the couple attends is First United Methodist Church, not St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Also, the rings the couple exchanged were pearl and alexandrite, not pearl and Alexandria.

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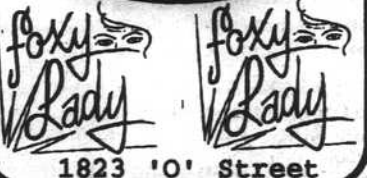


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