

Washington testifies, declares innocence

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and Alec Hogan pulled up in a gray convertible, he said, and Cole then confronted Washington.

Washington said Cole jumped out of the convertible and said, "What's up?"

"The way he said it didn't mean how's my day going," Washington said.

After exchanging words, Washington said Cole squared off for a fight. Washington got back into Brown's car and the two left.

Later that evening, Washington said he, Brown and Muhammad decided to go to the Kwik Shop. Washington said that as he walked out he saw Muhammad and Brown fighting with Cole.

Washington testified that during the fight, he stood next to the Kwik Shop building, away from where the fight ended up. When Brown backed off Cole, Washington said he walked over to his friend, thinking the fight was over.

"When I got to Willis, I heard what I thought was a gunshot, or a loud

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RILEY WASHINGTON
shooting suspect

noise," he said. "From growing up, I didn't bother to look where the shot was coming from."

Washington, who grew up in a San Diego, Calif., suburb, said he did not tell police because he did not want his name in the media.

"No one I knew was shot," he said. "I just thought it was gunfire."

"We were always having meetings (with football coaches) because we have a lot of people get in trouble, and everything gets put in the media."

"I didn't need to have my name in the media for something that I didn't think was important."

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