

Racial split deadlocks murder case

Jurors begged judge to end deliberations

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After more than 10 hours of jury deliberations, a judge Friday declared a mistrial in the murder case for a 21-year-old black man after jurors deadlocked along racial lines and traded insults.

While the jury did find Wayne E. Hollins Jr. guilty of being a party to three counts of armed robbery and one count of attempted armed robbery, it was unable to reach a verdict concerning a

felony murder charge when the panel remained hopelessly deadlocked at 10 to 2 in favor of conviction and begged a judge to put an end to two days of hostile deliberations that both sides termed futile.

"This is getting cruel," the jury foreman reported in a note to Circuit Judge Patricia D. McMahon after about seven hours of deliberations Thursday.

"Please make a decision to conclude for the evening at least," he wrote in a note 30



W. Hollins

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