

Mistrial

Declared in Slaying Case

Circuit Judge Hugh R. O'Connell has declared a mistrial in the first degree murder trial of Carl A. Calhoun on the ground that the prosecution had withheld evidence that tended to prove Calhoun's innocence.

Calhoun, 54, of 2774 N. 26th St., was accused of the fatal shooting of Victor Reed, 23, of 418 W. Keefe Ave. last July 28.

The shooting occurred in the home of Mrs. Ola M. Thomas at 2739 N. 26th St., where Reed was visiting at the time. It was the result of a feud between the Calhoun and Thomas families, according to the complaint.

O'Connell granted the motion of defense Atty. James M. Shellow to declare a mistrial because Asst. Dist. Atty. Peter Donohue failed to report that three witnesses to the shooting told police they saw the victim pull a gun first.

O'Connell sent the case back to the court administrator in Madison for reassignment to another judge because he had a crowded calendar and would not be able to rehear the case soon.

Shellow made his motion after the state rested its case.