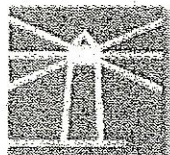


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## ■ COURT

### **Acquittal occurs in murder case**

A jury has found a Westwood woman not guilty of murder.

Betty Thomas, 19, was accused of robbing and fatally shooting Grady Madison in the back.

A jury deliberated several days before returning the verdict Monday before Hamilton County Common Pleas Court Judge Mark Schweikert.

The acquittal came even though three Cincinnati police officers testified during the trial last week that Thomas had confessed the killing not only to themselves but to four other witnesses as well.

A May trial for Thomas — represented by attorney Clyde Bennett II during his current trial — ended because his former attorney, Randy Katz, twice mentioned in front of the jury a possible penalty facing Thomas.