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Shooting bound over to grand jury

Witnesses: Lone bullet killed one, injured another

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A single bullet killed a man and injured another during a recent incident at a Second Ward bar, said two witnesses on Tuesday at a preliminary hearing for shooting suspect Keyawn Jackson.

Jackson, 21, is charged with murder, possession of a firearm in a liquor premise and weapons under disability, in connection with an early morning shooting on Feb. 16 at The Mahogany Lounge, 558 South Front St. Damon

Collier, 25, of Hamilton, died later that night at University Hospital from a gunshot wound to the face.

After three witnesses testified on Tuesday, Hamilton Municipal Court Judge John Rosmarin bound the case over to a Butler County grand jury.

Charles Von Miller, who works security for the bar, testified he saw a fight ensue between Jackson and five or six other men from his position in the disc jockey booth.

By the time he worked his way through the crowd to stop the fight, Chico Morris, 24, of Cincinnati, was on the ground wrestling with Jack-

son, Von Miller said. He grabbed Morris from behind and saw Jackson pull a gun, he testified. Von Miller ducked and heard one gunshot, then threw Jackson out a nearby exit, he said.

Von Miller said he turned and saw Collier on the ground with blood coming out his mouth.

Morris was treated and released from Mercy Hospital of Hamilton for a gunshot wound to his left leg.

He testified that he saw Jackson fire one shot while they were struggling, striking him in the leg. He said he ran out of the bar and did not see the bullet hit Collier.

Hamilton police Det. John Marcum said the bullet entered Collier's upper lip, continued to the back of his skull and then traveled to the base of his skull.

Jackson turned himself in Feb. 19 after police announced they were searching for him in connection with the shooting. He remains in the Butler County Jail without bond.

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Keyawn Jackson, right, and his attorney Clyde Bennett watch as Hamilton Prosecutor Sam Borst questions a witness. Jackson, 21, is charged with murder in connection with an early morning shooting on Feb. 16 at The Mahogany Lounge.

