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## Delivery driver acquitted of bank robbery

Man was accused  
of planning heist

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A federal jury in Covington has acquitted a young Cincinnati man of being the mastermind of an armored truck heist in Bracken County.

Willie D. Clark III, 22, was an employee of Dunbar Armored Inc. and was delivering money to the First National Bank in Brooksville on Aug.

25, 2000, when two men accosted him and stole \$100,000.

After the FBI arrested Shane M. Satterfield and Robert L. Carpenter, both of Cincinnati, the two said Clark had planned the robbery.

But after more than six hours of deliberations Wednesday, the jury found Clark not guilty of bank robbery and lying to the FBI.

"The six- to seven-hour wait was gut-wrenching," said attorney Clyde Bennett II, who represented Clark.

"People were literally sick to their

stomachs. It was a trying time for the family."

Clark testified during his two-day trial that while he knew Satterfield, he had never seen Carpenter until he testified against him. He denied planning the robbery or telling Satterfield his work schedule.

A student at the University of Cincinnati, Clark worked as a driver and delivery person for Dunbar.

Federal authorities charged him with providing inside information to Satterfield.

Clark testified that he was making the delivery in Brooksville when a masked man, dressed all in black, came up to him, punched him in the chest and grabbed the bag of money he was carrying.

"Not only did it knock the wind out of me, but it caused me great pain and knocked me to the ground," he told jurors.

Later that night, when he told Satterfield - whom he described as his best friend - about the robbery, "he appeared to be shocked (and) asked

me if I was all right," Clark said.

But Assistant U.S. Attorney E. Walbourn noted that Satterfield later admitted to Clark that he was involved in the robbery, but Clark never told police.

Bennett said Clark plans to try to resume his normal life - attending UC, spending time with his family, working with a minority mentorship program at Cincinnati public schools and looking for another job.

"Mr. Clark is very, very relieved," Bennett said.