

## Police officer cleared in 2003 shooting death

A Minneapolis police officer has been cleared by a Hennepin County jury in the 2003 shooting death of a 21-year-old man.

The family of Walter K. Collins filed a wrongful death lawsuit against officer Jamie Conway in connection with the fatal shooting of their son.

On Oct. 10, 2003, Conway and officer Charles Greaves had stopped in the 2200 block of Park Av. S. to investigate what they thought was a drug deal, when Collins and another man ran. Police said Collins reached for a gun in his waistband during



**Collins**

the foot chase.

Jurors returned their verdict to Hennepin County District Judge Richard Scherer on Friday night and will re-

turn to court Wednesday to be polled on it.

Attorney David Shulman, representing Collins' mother, Sara S. Collins, said neither he nor Assistant City Attorney Jim Moore were present when the verdict was read.

"It is our right to make sure

that each of the [jurors] voted for the verdict and there was no undue coercion," Shulman said, noting it is a common practice to ask the jury about its verdict.

Collins' mother and his father, Walter Bell, declined comment Monday.

They have put out a flier saying that they filed the suit as a way to expose the crime committed against their son by Minneapolis police.

The flier says they are fighting for federal prosecution of Conway.

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