

Jury declines to indict man for murder in double killing at East Dallas Burger Street restaurant

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A Dallas County jury declined Friday to indict a man charged with capital murder in a drug-related double killing witnessed by dozens of people Feb. 16 near East Mockingbird Lane and Greenville Avenue.

Jason Greer Frappier was arrested along with Christian Emanuel Avalos after a shooting in the Burger Street parking lot that left Chadwick Daniel Ryan, 27, of Arlington and Robert Manuel Allen, 29, of Dallas dead.

Police said the men were conducting a drug deal, and Frappier was shot in the arm during the incident. Defense attorney Bill Wirskye said Frappier was defending himself during a robbery.

"It was a clear case of self-defense," he said.

Wirskye said he expects that his client will still face a drug charge and a charge of tampering with evidence.

Avalos was indicted last month.

Wirskye said authorities believe Avalos chased one of the men before shooting him. He said that could explain the difference in the outcomes before the grand jury.

It remains unclear what sparked the gunfire.

Frappier was convicted of marijuana possession last year. A 2008 drug charge against Avalos was dismissed, according to Dallas County criminal records.

The investigation includes roughly 50 witnesses.

Police believe Frappier and Avalos had been living at an apartment in which officers found two pistols — a .45-caliber and a .40-caliber — and bloody clothing, according to police documents. Casings found at the murder scene matched those caliber weapons, the documents said.

Officers also recovered a gun from the car and an estimated 30 pounds of marijuana from the murder scene and inside the apartment, police said.

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