

Man cleared of shielding alleged killer

A Walnut Hills man accused of concealing the identity of an alleged killer was cleared Wednesday of a charge of obstructing justice.

After a brief trial, Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Fred Cartolano granted a defense motion for acquittal.

He said the prosecution failed to prove that Minn Lee Satterfield, 21, was protecting the teen accused of the Sept. 24 killing of Steven Collins, 35, of Mount Healthy.

To win a conviction on a charge of obstructing justice, the state must prove that the defendant provided false information to protect someone else, Cartolano said. Satterfield gave false information about a suspect and the weapon to protect himself, not someone else, Cartolano said.

Richard Willis, 17, of Forest Park, is charged with murder for the death of Collins, who was shot while standing on a Walnut Hills street. Willis is being tried as an adult.