

Jury: Man Innocent In Robbery Plot

A Chattooga County Superior Court jury acquitted a Trion man on charges of being a party to the crime of

armed robbery Tuesday.

Tim Brown of a Georgia Street address in Trion was acquitted on the charges in connection with the Feb. 11 armed robbery of a night clerk from Benny's Tri-Sum Foods in Trion.

Brown's attorney, James Wyatt, maintained that Trion resident Marty Murphy, who testified against Brown Monday, was the hold-up man and came to Brown's residence after the robbery. More than \$6,000 in receipts were recovered by Chattooga County Sheriff's investigators in a closet at the Brown's residence.

Prosecutor Dave Whitman maintained that Brown was the mastermind of the caper and that Brown was the driver during the events Feb. 11.

Both men were apprehended at Brown's residence within hours after the armed robbery.

Murphy is expected to plead guilty to the charges in exchange for his testimony against Brown. Both men faced sentences of 20 years to life. Murphy is expected to receive a 10-year sentence.

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