



Pee Dee man found not guilty in murder case

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A man on trial for a murder that happened more than six years ago in Darlington County has been found not guilty.

Just before 3pm Thursday, a jury said Leroy Hicks was not responsible for killing Milton Tyrone Goodson. The jury found him not guilty on three charge including murder, 1st degree burglary and attempted armed robbery.

Goodson was gunned down in 2001. Shortly after, police arrested two men for his murder, but those two later pled guilty to lesser charges.

Police say those two men implicated Mr. Hicks in the murder, saying he was the trigger man.

Shortly after the verdict was read, Hicks spoke to Newschannel 15.

"I had the greatest feeling in the world. The greatest. I knew justice was served," said Hicks.

When asked what his plans were for the future, he responded to "get a fresh start, try to build something different. And I don't know if I'm going to be in this area or not, but I'm going to try to get a new start somewhere."

"I just have great respect for the jury system, and I'm just very grateful that Leroy Hicks' innocence is verified so that he can go on with his life," said Hicks' attorney Douglas Jennings.