

Supreme Court: New trial in Wal-Mart armored car guard killing

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Odies Walker is seen at a 2009 court hearing. (File photo)

SEATTLE (AP) - The Washington Supreme Court has ordered a new trial for a man convicted in the killing of a Loomis armored car guard during a 2009 Lakewood Wal-Mart robbery.

The justices say a Pierce County prosecutor's PowerPoint presentation that repeatedly said in bold letters that Odies Walker was guilty amounted to prosecutorial misconduct. They said the prosecutor's "inflammatory arguments" violated Walker's right to a fair trial so he should get a new one.

Walker was one of a group of four who allegedly formulated a plan to rob the guard as he carried money bags out of the store.

One of the men shot the guard, another grabbed the money and Walker allegedly drove the getaway car. A jury convicted him on first-degree murder, robbery and conspiracy charges. He appealed and the state's highest court chastised the prosecutor for using tactics that violated the defendant's rights.