Freaky Zeeky's Shooter 'Guilty

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A Brooklyn parolee is facing life in prison after a jury convicted him yesterday in a botched robbery that left rapper Freaky Zeeky shot in the gut and the rapper's good friend dying on a Chelsea sidewalk after trying to save him.

The blood was shed over Freaky Zeeky's \$20,000 medallion — a flamboyant gold and diamond-encrusted bauble worn by the members of the Diplomat rap group, fronted by his more famous childhood friend from Harlem, Cam"ron.

"They saw this, and they saw dollar signs," prosecutor Harvey Rosen told jurors of the murderer and his friends" lust for the medallion, which was about the size of a 45-RPM record.

Manhattan prosecutors won the murder conviction despite an outbreak of witness-box "amnesia" among all four of the DA's eyewitnesses — Freaky Zeeky included.

None of the eyewitnesses who took the stand was able to directly finger murderer 29-year-old Chauncey Dillon, a convicted robber and drug dealer. Dillon hardly blinked as he was convicted of felony murder, attempted robbery and gun possession and assault charges.

All of the eyewitnesses described the same wind-up to murder: A 3 a.m. fender-bender between Dillon's Dodge Intrepid and Freaky Zeeky's Jeep Cherokee. Two carloads of eight men — with some 50 rap-sheet pages among them — poured out onto 22nd Street at Sixth Avenue.

Then three guys from the Intrepid reached for their waistbands — and the guns came out.

"I"ll take that chain," one of them told Freaky Zeeky, prosecutor Charles Curlett told jurors during openings.

But past that moment, even Freaky Zeeky — real name Ezekial Jiles — had trouble telling who from the Intrepid wore what, said what, and did what. This, despite original police statements that were far more detailed.

Freaky Zeeky testified wearing a pink blazer that bore little resemblance to the Superman costume he sometimes wore on stage, or the Rikers uniform he wears now. He's completing a 35-month sentence for "ecstasy" possession.

On the witness stand, Freaky Zeeky was unable to say little more than that he believed the man who shot him, gun-butted him twice, and then threw him into a pile of curbside garbage bags was wearing green.

But prosecutors had hit the visual-aid jackpot. They were able to show jurors a surveillance video that showed Dillon throwing Freaky Zeeky into the trash bags wearing a green jacket.

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It was the same jacket Dillon was wearing when he posed for a nightclub photo two hours before the shooting.

Dillon is due to be sentenced Nov. 5. Two other men who were in the Intrepid are awaiting their own murder trials; they are John Mingo and Herndon Williams, both 33.

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