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### NOT GUILTY VERDICT IN STOLEN CAR CASE

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Dion Garrett, a much-arrested Buffalo man, Thursday was found not guilty of felony drug and stolen car charges that would have sent him back to prison for life.

After three hours of deliberations at the end of a three-day trial at which Garrett, 26, of Camp Street, insisted he didn't know that the rental car his cousin loaned him last Feb. 27 was stolen, the jury found him not guilty.

The jury before State Supreme Court Justice Ronald H. Tills did find Garrett guilty of traffic offenses of running a red light and driving without a license linked to his arrest in the stolen rental car about 11:30 p.m. last Feb. 27.

Garrett, who two weeks before that arrest had been released from federal prison after serving three and one-half years on a drug conviction, shook hands with his attorney Paul Gordon Dell as the verdict was announced.

Dell said he will press for Garrett's release from custody during a March 11 hearing before Tills on a still-unindicted assault charge lodged against his client for a Main Street bar stabbing incident early last year.

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