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than your brother," Mikel Hopkins testified.

He also testified that his brother never had a plan to kill Carter and Preston but was frightened of them and obtained a shotgun from a friend. He showed Mikel Hopkins the gun the day he got out of Botsford General Hospital, the same day as the killings.

"Did your brother tell them to get out of the house before he shot?" asked Roman Kalytiak, Oakland County assistant prosecutor. "No. He didn't," Mikel Hopkins responded.

Kalytiak questioned Mikel Hop-

kins on how Carter and Preston were shot.

"But he was barely in the house when he was shot," Kalytiak said during cross-examination, referring to Carter, whose blood was found just inside the front door.

Mikel Hopkins corrected him. "He was all the way inside the house." He added that the shotgun blast to Carter's stomach threw him backward toward a fan near the front door.

Preston, who apparently began to turn and run when he saw an armed Edward Hopkins come out of his bedroom, was chased by the Hop-

kins brothers out of the house, according to testimony. Preston was found across Eight Mile, behind a Perry Drug Store dumpster.

"Eddie shot Terrie first and at the same time it must of hit Rico," Mikel Hopkins said, describing how Preston reached toward his back as he ran out of the house.

But Kalytiak hammered at discrepancies in Hopkins' testimony. "Isn't it true Mr. Hopkins, your testimony changes everytime a different person asks you questions?"

Defense attorney McGinnis, however, prompted Hopkins to explain why a June 1 statement taken by

Farmington Hills police differed from other statements, as well as preliminary examination testimony.

"After reviewing these statements, do you feel like you were manipulated," McGinnis asked.

"Yes," said Hopkins.

Kalytiak demanded to know how Edward Hopkins — III and on medication following his beating — was able to chase after Preston.

"But he wasn't so sick not to run after Ricardo?" Kalytiak asked.

"He managed to have enough strength to pump that shotgun, enough strength to shoot that shotgun."

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Still, he sees no problems with the existing court. And he doesn't necessarily believe that judicial races have hard-and-fast issues.

Like his six opponents, Sorowiec wants to be a judge. "I think that every attorney aspires. You look at that as a culmination of a successful legal career. I would try to be a hard-working fair judge."

Obviously, he said, a judge is there to enforce the law. "You interpret the law," But Sorowiec, who is considered a specialist in criminal and civil appeals — he's written 500 of them — also has a philosophy.

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Running for election isn't something new for Sorowiec, a special assistant attorney general since 1972, and a mediator in the 47th District Court and Wayne County Circuit Court.

He ran for state representative in northwest Detroit in 1984. "And I never made it out of the primary." His next try, for Wayne County commissioner in 1972, was also unsuccessful. "Those were in the days of my youth."

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He has also served on the criminal jury instructions committee, which develops instructions that judges give juries before they deliberate. "That puts me in a strong position for handling trials," Sorowiec sees problems in courts that deal with rules of evidence and jury instructions.

As far as running a court, Sorowiec believes a judge sets policy and the court administrator minds the store. "I think, though, a judge should be very accessible. I'm sure I won't change significantly from the way I am."

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