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GWINNETT COUNTY **Judge dismisses murder charge**

Gwinnett County Magistrate Judge Mark Layng dismissed a murder charge against a Loganville man after finding insufficient evidence to show he was involved in a drug rip-off that turned sour.

Eric Comrie, 21, was released from the Gwinnett jail on Thursday evening, said his attorney John Steakley. At a probable cause hearing earlier that day, Steakley argued that police had no proof that his client knew a drug deal was about to occur on Dec. 24, when he gave his buddy, Robert Christopher Morales, 27, a ride to meet someone in a Grayson subdivision.

Morales was fatally shot by two men who allegedly tried to steal a small amount of marijuana from him.

— Andria Simmons