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NEW YORK (AP) -- A judge ordered four police officers Wednesday to stand trial for the fatal shooting of an unarmed West African immigrant. Officers Kenneth Boss, Sean Carroll, Edward McMellon and Richard Murphy left the courthouse without comment. They have all pleaded innocent to second-degree murder. The judge rejected defense arguments that public outcry and intense media coverage following the shooting put undue pressure on the grand jury to issue the murder indictments. The officers were indicted in March. They are accused of firing 41 times at Amadou Diallo while searching for a rape suspect on Feb. 4.

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On 4 February 1999, four white NYPD officers, McMellon, Carroll, Boss, and Murphy, fired 41 shots at suspected African immigrant criminal Amadou Diallo. Charged with second degree murder and reckless endangerment, officers pled not guilty but risked 25 years to life. Judge Collins set bail at \$100,000 for each officer. Federal entities, the FBI and Justice Department participated in the investigation. Both Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton interjected themselves into the trial and 1203 protesters were arrested. A principal result of the policemen's case was an examination of police attitudes and tactics across the nation.

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