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FREE ON BOND IN GUN DEATH

Douglas McArthur Wilson, 21, of 1549 Eighteenth St., was bound over to the Polk County Grand Jury on a charge of murder Monday after a hearing before Municipal Judge Luther T. Glanton, Jr. After taking testimony from character witnesses for Wilson, Judge Glanton ordered that the youth be released on his own bond pending action by the Grand Jury.

Assistant Polk County Attorney Frank Comito objected to having Wilson released on his own bond. Comito said the nature of the charge is so serious that contemplation of a Grand Jury indictment might cause the accused to flee and avoid prosecution.

Judge Glanton told Wilson he is the first person he has ever released on his own recognizance on a murder charge. The witnesses for Wilson said he had a good record in the community and had never been in trouble before. He is accused in the shooting of Harold Holt, 25, of 1040 Sixteenth St., in a gun fight in front of 1138 Tenth St. early New Year's Day. Wilson was shot in the knee and the leg in the dispute.

Holt, who suffered wounds in the liver, diaphragm and lung died Jan. 17. Dr. Leo Luka, Polk County medical examiner, testified that Holt died of complications from a "perforatory wound" in a lung.

Another man, Herman Mure, 21, of 815 Crocker St., was charged with assault with intent to commit murder in connection with the same incident, but Judge Glanton dismissed that charge after a hearing Jan. 21.

Judge Glanton recommended that the county attorney wait for disposition of the murder case against Wilson and then present facts in the Mure case to the Polk County Grand Jury.