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A Pima County Superior Court jury began deliberations Tuesday in the second trial of murder defendant Genaro Celaya.

Celaya is accused of shooting undercover state Department of Public Safety narcotics agent John Walker. He was killed during an alleged \$88,000 drug ripoff in Tucson in November 1979. Lawyers gave their final presentations Monday following a trial lasting a month. Celaya testified in his own defense.

The Arizona Supreme Court last year overturned Celaya's 1981 conviction and ordered the retrial.

The defense claims Celaya, a former narcotics informant, was a victim of entrapment because he planned to disclose alleged U.S. political intelligence work in Mexico. Celaya was recruited by Hugh Murray, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent who formerly worked for the CIA.

Deputy County Attorney Randy Stevens said it was a case of premeditated murder.

"The only way it was not robbery and not murder in the first degree is if you believe the defendant's story," Stevens told jurors.

Defense lawyer Walter Nash said Celaya did not intend to shoot Walker and that he merely wanted to trick him out of the \$88,000.

Walker had posed as a California drug buyer.

One of the final witnesses was Scott Barnes, who told Judge G. Thomas Meehan of the involvement of the Hell's Angels motorcycle club with an alleged CIA operation to swap U.S. guns for Mexican narcotics.

Barnes testified without the jury present. Meehan ruled the testimony was hearsay since Barnes could not identify a photograph of Murray.

Court officials said the jury began deliberations shortly after 10:30 a.m. following final instruction from Meehan.