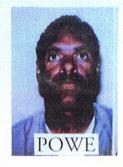
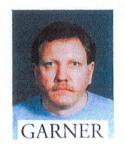
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LOS ANGELES — Prosecutors de-clined yesterday to say whether they will seek a retrial against three former sheriff's deputies and a gim dealer where trial and a gun dealer whose trial on corruption charges ended with a deadlocked jury.

The federal jury late yesterday announced it was unable to reach a verdict on charges that the exdeputies and the gun dealer were among those who shared in \$1.5 million taken from drug dealers

during three major operations.

U.S. District Judge David Kenyon declared a mistrial in the case against retired deputies Jack Gray, 42, of Arcadia, Thomas Mullipper 51, of Language and ligan, 51, of Long Beach, and Leo Michael Newman, 47, of Whittier, and George Papac, 40, who owns a

Montebello gun store.

Kenyon set a status conference for May 23. Assistant U.S. Attorney Barbara Scheper would not comment on the possibility of a retrial, noting that others would be involved in the decision.

Defense attorney Kevin McDer-mqtt, who represented Newman, said the jury failed to reach verdicts despite testimony by seven former deputies who were prosecution witnesses.

McDermott, who said he talked to jurors after the mistrial was declared, said many who held out for acquittal thought the prosecu-tion failed to show the money did not come from legitimate sources.

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