

# Asked & Answered

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Doug Lichtman



**HOW?**

**WHY?**

**WHAT?**

**WHO?**

**WHEN?**

**WHERE?**

**Jury Voir Dire**



Then, half an hour before midnight, as happens with wrenching regularity in the city that care famously forgot, violence introduced a jarring note. The scene: Sophie Wright Place, not far from the corner of Felicity Street, in the Lower Garden District, a quiet neighborhood about a mile and a half south of the Quarter. The crime: a collision at a stoplight, followed by angry shouting and then gunfire. A black male, shot eight times, lay dead halfway inside his vehicle. Nearby, a young black man stood in handcuffs.











- first accident





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- Harris pulled over



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- Smith drove away



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- Harris followed





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- second collision



Hayes's attorneys have never denied that Hayes shot Smith. But

Louisiana, like an increasing number of states, has a strong stand-your-ground law, under which a homicide "is justifiable . . . when committed in self-defense by one who reasonably believes that he is in imminent danger of losing his life or receiving great bodily harm and that the killing is necessary to save himself from that danger." Hayes's attorneys

maintain that their client was indeed in fear for his life when he pulled the trigger—that after a hit-and-run by Smith, Hayes followed the