

Audie Pulled Gun?

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Film star Audie Murphy pulled a gun and fired a shot at dog trainer David Gofstein after an argument over the payment for training a dog, Gofstein has testified at the Superior Court trial of Murphy, charged with assault with intent to commit murder.

Gofstein, 51, of Burbank, told the 10-man, two-woman jury yesterday that Murphy, 45, used profanity before attacking him in front of the Gofstein kennels May 18.

The dog trainer said he “bled all night” after being beaten and kicked by Murphy, now an independent film producer.

Gofstein, under cross examination by defense attorney Paul Caruso, testified he spent some time in a mental institution in 1950. During Murphy’s preliminary

hearing last May, Gofstein testified he had been arrested in 1960 and 1965 for assault and battery but was cleared of both charges.

The dog trainer told the court his wife signed a contract with Maria Deoria to train Miss Deoria’s dog in obedience and for sentry duty. However, after the Gofsteins reportedly collected fees, Gofstein said he told the owner on the telephone she would have to pay-extra for the guard training.

“Then a gentleman got on the phone and said, ‘hey, you ... you better train that dog, one way or another.’”

Gofstein said he hung-up the receiver and that Murphy attacked him as he carried out the trash outside his home a short time later.