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Newton's Third Trial Opens Today

Huey P. Newton, the Black Panther Party leader, goes on trial again today on a voluntary manslaughter charge in the death of Oakland policeman John Frey in 1967.

This will be the third time in four years that Newton will be tried in the shootout with police.

He was originally charged with first-degree murder, but the first trial ended in a conviction on a lesser count, voluntary manslaughter.

That verdict was overturned and a new trial ordered by the appellate court on grounds of judicial error, after the 29-year-old co-founder of the Black Panthers had served 22 months of a 2-to-15-year term.

A second trial ended in a hung jury.

Newton returned Friday from a ten-day visit to China, where he petitioned Mao Tse-tung to be the chief negotiator for the "oppressed people of the world." He is free on \$50,000 bail.