

Childers Found Guilty of Murder

A Sedgwick County District Court jury found Moore Childers, 51, guilty of second-degree murder Wednesday after deliberating a little over an hour.

Childers was accused of shooting his neighbor, James Frost, 24, July 21 in the yard of Childers' northeast Wichita home.

Childers, testifying

Wednesday, said he was asleep the evening of July 21 when Frost approached his bedroom window and began talking to him about "molesting or bothering" Frost's children.

Childers said he told Frost he didn't know what he was talking about and told him to go away and leave him alone.

Childers said Frost re-

turned again but he couldn't recognize who it was in the dark.

"I fired one round out the window — not at him — to scare him out of my yard," the defendant testified.

Other witnesses in the trial testified Frost went to Childers' home that evening to ask the defendant to quit cursing at the neighborhood

children.

One witness, Emory Farris, said Frost walked to the defendant's window with a brief conversation after Childers' shooting.

Farris said he went to the window at the time, the defendant was cursing at the neighborhood

Under cross-examination, Asst. Dist. Atty. Larry Wall said Childers said "scare" six times.

"WHY DID YOU SAY 'SCARE' more times if you were afraid to scare the neighborhood children?" asked.

Childers said he didn't know except he was afraid that he might come to court.

Judge Bryson said he will hear any motion for a new trial Dec. 14.

Childers Trial Opens

An assistant district attorney said today the state's evidence in the second-degree murder trial of Moore Childers would show the victim was shot in the back while fleeing from Childers' yard.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Larry Wall also told a Sedgwick County District Court jury in his opening statement that Childers' shooting of James C. Frost, 24, resulted from an argument over the defendant's cursing of neighborhood children.

Childers is accused of shooting Frost with a .38 revolver on July 21.

Wall told the eight-man, four-woman jury that the state would present witnesses that would testify they heard three to five shots fired on the Saturday evening of the shooting.

"We will show that two bullets struck a house and we will show you a third bullet that struck Mr. Frost in the back," Wall said. Wall told the jury the state would present Frost's wife who would testify the victim "was the type of man who walked away from fights and argu-