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Guilty Verdict For Ex-Officer Who Shot Man

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MINNEAPOLIS — The former police officer who said she mistook her gun for her Taser when she fatally shot a man during a traffic stop in a Minneapolis suburb was convicted of two counts of manslaughter on Thursday, a rare guilty verdict for a police officer that is likely to send her to prison for years.

The jury deliberated across four days before agreeing on guilty verdicts for Kimberly Potter, a 49-year-old white woman who testified that she had never fired her gun in her 26 years on the police force in Brooklyn Center, Minn., until she shot a single bullet into the chest of Daunte Wright, a 20-year-old Black man who had been driving to a carwash in April.

Taser 전기총 fatally 치명적으로 jury deliberate 심사숙고하다 testify 증언하다 진술하다 two counts of manslaughter 두건의 살인

As the verdict was read, Ms. Potter remained stoic, looking briefly downward and then toward the jurors but never crying, as she had when she testified. Judge Regina Chu ordered that Ms. Potter be immediately sent to prison, and deputies led her out of the courtroom in handcuffs as one of her relatives shouted, “Love you, Kim!”

It is unusual for police officers to be convicted in accidental shootings, and jurors heard testimony from several current and former police officers — including two put on the stand by prosecutors — who said that Ms. Potter had been justified in trying to use her Taser, or even firing her gun

stoic 스토아학파의 금욕/극기주의의; 냉정히 deputies 부관 대리관 보안관 대리 convict 유죄를 선고하다 put on the stand 증언대에 세우다 justify 정당화하다 인정하다

Mr. Wright had been trying to flee from Ms. Potter and two other officers who were attempting to arrest him on a warrant. At trial, prosecutors

conceded that the shooting was an accident, but they argued that Ms. Potter had been so reckless that she should be imprisoned.

Judge Chu will sentence Ms. Potter, who resigned two days after the shooting, at a hearing scheduled for February.

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Mr. Wright's parents let out cries in the courtroom as the guilty verdicts were read and later joined several dozen of Mr. Wright's supporters who celebrated outside of the courthouse in downtown Minneapolis.

“Today, Minnesota has shown that police officers are not going to continue to pull their gun instead of their Taser,” Mr. Wright's mother, Katie Bryant, said to the supporters. “And we made this happen, you made this happen, Daunte Wright made this happen.”

At a news conference after the verdict, Keith Ellison, the Minnesota attorney general whose office prosecuted the case, said he had long believed it would be difficult to win a conviction. Mr. Ellison said Ms. Potter had gone from being an “honored member of a noble profession to being convicted of a serious crime.”

“I don't wish that on anyone,” he said.

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