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Get-away Driver Convicted of Murder in Slaying of Grizzly Rose Security Guard

Jennifer Lewis (DOB 10/06/81) was convicted Wednesday of first-degree murder in the 2008 shooting of a security guard at the Grizzly Rose nightclub. The Adams County District Court jury also convicted Lewis of three counts of attempted first-degree murder of two security guards and an off-duty police officer.

Lewis was convicted of first-degree extreme indifference murder (F1) in the death of security guard Timothy Minnick on Dec. 12, 2008. Minnick was a former Brighton police officer. The jury began deliberations Tuesday afternoon.

According to evidence presented during the week-long trial, Lewis drove the getaway car after Minnick was shot. She drove three men to the Grizzly Rose on Dec. 12, 2008 and then drove her vehicle to a side street where she waited for the men to return. The men opened fire on security guards and an off-duty police officer who went to investigate after seeing the men wearing bandanas over their faces in the parking lot.

Lewis will be sentenced at 1:30 on April 23.

Lewis and Gerald Michael Anthony Gurule (DOB 08/04/81) were indicted by an Adams County grand jury last March. Gurule is charged with two counts of first-degree murder, four counts of attempted first-degree murder and three counts of felony menacing. His trial is set for April 28.

"This was a complicated case," said Chief District Attorney Pete Stumpf. "We were fortunate to have a smart jury that worked hard and was able to sift through the evidence and reach a verdict that brings justice to the death of Mr. Minnick."

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