

## 2 BROTHERS CONVICTED IN SLAYING OF TROOPER

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LANSING -- **Two** half- **brothers** were **convicted of** first-degree murder Thursday **in** the February **slaying of** a state **trooper** near Lansing.

An Ingham County Circuit Court jury returned the verdict **in** its second day **of** deliberations, ending the 3 1/2-week trial **of** Juivonne Littlejohn, 25, and Dennis Wynn, 29, both **of** Detroit.

Both men also were **convicted of** armed robbery **in** the theft **of** a car after **Trooper** Craig Scott was shot. They face life **in** prison with no chance for parole.

Judge Jack Warren scheduled sentencing for Aug. 18.

THE VERDICTS came **two** hours after the jury resumed deliberations at 1:30 p.m. The case went to the jury at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, and jurors worked through the evening, recessing at 3 a.m. Thursday.

Scott's widow, Lydia, who sat through the entire trial, wept as the verdict was announced. Later, she said she had sent a dozen roses to the jurors with a card telling them, "regardless **of** what the verdict was, they were to be commended."

Mrs. Scott, who has become a crusader for capital punishment since the Feb. 9 death **of** her 28-year-old husband, said she was "really surprised." Asked if she felt justice had been done, she said: "Under the conditions **of** the laws **of** this state, I really don't think so."

The defendants showed no visible emotion as the verdicts were read, but members **of** Littlejohn's family wept.

Littlejohn's mother, Minnie, bolted from the courtroom upon hearing the verdicts -- despite a command from Warren to sit down.

"Excuse me," she said. "I got to go."

Peter Houk said he was "very, very pleased" by the trial's outcome as he accepted congratulations and handshakes. "These people took their job very, very seriously," he said **of** the jury **of** nine women and three men.

The jury devoted several hours Wednesday night to re-hearing key prosecution testimony from passengers **in** the **two** defendants' car when the shooting occurred.

Court-appointed defense lawyers for Wynn and Littlejohn said they expected the convictions to be appealed, but described the trial as "fair."

SCOTT was killed **in** a gunfight with Littlejohn that erupted after the **trooper** arrested Wynn on U.S.-127 near Leslie. Wynn was driving a car Scott pulled over for speeding.

The prosecution charged that Littlejohn opened fire on Scott on a pre-arranged signal from Wynn as the older defendant was being led **in** handcuffs to Scott's patrol car.

But Littlejohn testified that he went "haywire" and was acting impulsively when he shot Scott, a Muskegon native serving at the Lansing post.

Assistant Prosecutor Kim Eddie said the **two** men also face charges **in** a 1981 Detroit rape-robbery. Littlejohn has four previous felony convictions and Wynn has three, Eddie said.

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