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His lawyer, John Rogers, said he planned to have dinner with his family. Obviously, we're elated, Rogers said. It's been accused of a crime Kirk didn't commit for four long years. It's a relief, not only for Kirk, but for his family. Prosecutors failed to win over jurors during a four-week trial that called 60 witnesses and four terabytes of evidence. In the end, it took only seven and a half hours to reach their verdict, divided over two days. Audible sobs were heard in the courtroom, from behind Zimmerman, as Judge Scott Drazewski read the verdict. Zimmerman wiped away tears before embracing his family, including his children. Also in court Monday was a heavy contingent of McLean County sheriff's deputies and their boss, Sheriff Jon Sandage. They were ordered to remove anyone who acted after the verdict was read. No one did. McLean County Attorney Don Knapp praised his team and the eight-month Bloomington Police investigation that led to Zimmerman's arrest. Zimmerman was free on bond but under house arrest during the process. While we are disappointed in the outcome, we certainly respect the jury process and the jury's decision in this case, Knapp said. Prosecutors argued that Zimmerman shot Pamela, a CPA and financial planner, in her Bloomington office in 2014 because he was tied up for money and angry that she was pursuing more child support. She was also recently engaged. The defense claimed that police had tunnel vision for Zimmerman and never fully investigated alternative suspects, including Pamela's then-fiancee and the last client she saw the day she died. The gun that killed Pamela was never found. Zimmerman did not address the media after his acquittal. But he gave a one-page statement pointing to a lack of real physical evidence and problematic evidence-collection techniques and laughably flawed analysis of his personal finances. We've seen breakdowns in our local justice system in the (Alan) Beaman case, the (Don) Whalen case, and now this case. As the trial revealed, I was treated from the beginning as the only real suspect, at the virtual exclusion of others in Pam's life. This community deserves, and should demand, more from its officers, he wrote. Zimmerman also criticized the media, particularly Pantagraph, for its coverage of the case. Many other media outlets, including GLT, have also dealt with important developments in the case. A crew from NBC's Dateline handled the process. Here's Kirk Zimmerman's statement after his acquittal. Especially critical of @Pantagraph coverage of the case, although many media outlets reported the same things. This community deserves and needs more demands from its officials, he says of the justice system. pic.twitter.com/oEGH6LJ30o — Ryan Denham (@ryanWGLT) May 6, 2019 Knapp refused to speculate on why the jury chose to acquit. He said his office would reach jurors to learn more, which he said was common. He said chief prosecutor Brad Rigdon did a good job during his two and a half hour closing argument, although he suggested more time may have been helpful. I think you saw Brad put it together - although maybe hastily - in those two and a half hours, he put it together pretty well, Knapp said. It's unclear what happens next in the investigation into Pamela's death. Knapp said it was up to BPD to decide whether to reopen the case. Those will be conversations we'll have, Knapp said. Our police, especially our Criminal Investigation Branch, have performed admirably throughout the investigation. While we are disappointed in the outcome, we respect the jury and their decision, said Bloomington Police spokesman John Fermon. The police department will review any new leads or additional information should one become available, Fermon said. GLT's story about the People like you appreciate experienced, knowledgeable and award-winning journalism that covers meaningful stories in Bloomington-Normal. To support more support and interviews like this, you are considering contributing. Is Kirk Zimmerman guilty of murdering his ex-wife Pam Zimmerman? The jury is still deliberating. Back today after a juror read a newspaper and was replaced by an alternate. It's been over a month since the trial began. Kirk Zimmerman sat silently in court for five weeks. Sixty witnesses see witnesses testifying. Here's a look back at the main arguments. November 3, 2014. Pamela Zimmerman came back to her office at 2103 E. Washington in downtown Bloomington after lunch - and never left. Her last client that day? Eldon Whitlow. Eldon Whitlow, Pamela Zimmerman's last client testified early in the trial. She told me she was engaged and you could tell the joy and happiness on her face, he said. Her body was found the next morning behind the reception by her secretary. She was shot four times. The prime suspect? Her ex-husband Kirk Zimmerman, who prosecutors say owed Pam \$4,000 in child support. FBI Forensics Accountant Tom Byers said Mr Zimmerman's expenses increased his income by two thousand three hundred and eight dollars and fifty-seven cents. The state says Pam sent a Fed-Ex package to Kirk as a third message to send the payment. The state's argument of a financial motive was supported by one piece of physical evidence. Gun shot residue from Zimmerman's car tested in the state police lab. Ellen Chapman from the crime lab is taking the test. That gear shift handle either contacted a gunpowder-related item or was in the environment of an unloaded firearm, she said. The defense argued that there must have been contamination - or even planted evidence. So they brought their own expert on gunpowder residue. Former FBI special agent John Kilty, said: I found it rather amazing that they found 10 features of gunpowder particles. Bloomington Police Detective Martin Krylowicz said he conducted that test while armed. FBI experts tracked Zimmerman's car using cell tower records, and said he traveled to Indiana a week before Pam's murder. Prosecutors say he bought a gun there. They argued that Indiana law makes it easier to get a gun without a paper trail. The same FBI experts say they traced Zimmerman's car on the night of the murder, and it wasn't home from 4:19 until after 6:30. At the time of the shooting. But the defense insists the lack of evidence makes the whole case circumstantial. During closing arguments First Assistant State's Attorney Brad Rigdon saidThe evidence has shown that November 3, 2014 he killed Pam Zimmerman. And he made sure his hate was carried out in that fourth shot. John Rogers countered the defense by saying: If you have a hammer everything looks like a nail. There goes case to. Suspicion without facts to support anything. I'm asking you to use your common sense. The defense also argued that the police did not consider any other leads. Like Pam's new fiancée, or her. Her. Client. The jury's not here yet. From.

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