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Laymond Reynolds found guilty of attempted murder

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A Dale County jury took one hour and 45 minutes to find Laymond Driggers, 33, of Daleville, guilty of attempted murder for a 2006 incident involving an Ozark police officer.

Reynolds reportedly grabbed Officer Billy Driggers' Glock .40-caliber service gun from his holster and fired two shots at him during a traffic stop.

Driggers had stopped the vehicle Reynolds occupied on Holiday Lane in Ozark after an alleged assault at Applebee's.

Reynolds hit Driggers with a closed fist when Driggers and another

officer attempted to remove Reynolds from the back seat of the car, according to the District Attorney's office.

While being pulled out of the vehicle by the officers, Reynolds pulled Driggers' service weapon from his holster and fired it at Driggers twice.

At the time of the incident, Ozark Police Chief Tony Spivey said alcohol was a factor in the crime.

Reynolds went before Judge P.B. McLaughlin Jr. on the attempted murder charge last week in Dale County Circuit Court.

In closing arguments Chief Assistant District Attorney Bill Filmore Driggers and since he did not, he did not intend to kill him.

overt acts toward killing Driggers, which included firing the gun, aiming the gun toward Driggers' chest and firing a second shot from the gun.

Filmore said that if it wasn't for the intervening act of Officer Walt Russell knocking the gun away before the second shot, Driggers might not be alive today.

Arguing against the intent to kill, the defense said that if Reynolds had wanted to kill Driggers, he had the opportunity to do so.

The defense implied that Reynolds had plenty of opportunities to kill Driggers and since he did not, he did not intend to kill him.

The lead investigator in the case was ABI Agent Tim Rodgers who was on the stand the majority of the time during the showing of videos related to the crime.

After the case, Filmore said that most of the time the "CSI Effect" works against the prosecution, but when you have four videos to show a jury during the trial it really helps convince juries what actually happened in the case.

Reynolds will remain in the custody of the Dale County Sheriff's Office until a bond hearing can be held.

A sentencing hearing for Reynolds will be set at a later date.