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Winona Ryder Found Guilty

Celebrity will get probation and community service, not jail time

(AP)—Winona Ryder has been convicted of felony theft charges for her now-famous shopping excursion at a Saks Fifth Avenue store, but that doesn't mean the actress will spend any time behind bars.

Prosecutor Ann Rundle said probation, community service and restitution are the probable penalties for Ryder after she was found guilty Wednesday of stealing more than \$5,500 worth of merchandise at the Beverly Hills store last year.

"This case was never about jail time," Rundle said. "We wanted Ms. Ryder to take responsibility for her conduct."

The jury convicted her of grand theft and vandalism, the latter charge for cutting sensor tags off merchandise. The charges carried a maximum sentence of three years in prison, but Rundle pointed out it

was Ryder's first offense and not a violent crime.

The group of six men and six women jurors deliberated less than six hours.

Juror Walter Fox told NBC's "Today" show Thursday that ju-

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ryors had "some heated conversations, but there were really no major differences."

The jury was shown videotapes of Ryder wandering through the store's designer boutiques and taking a large number of items into

dressing rooms.

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Security staff testified that after

Ryder was caught, she claimed a director had told her to shoplift to prepare for a movie role.

The most damaging evidence, Fox said, was the videotape of her leaving the store and the testimony from staff that when she was appre-

hended "she had merchandise that belonged in the store that had not been paid for and some of it had been vandalized."

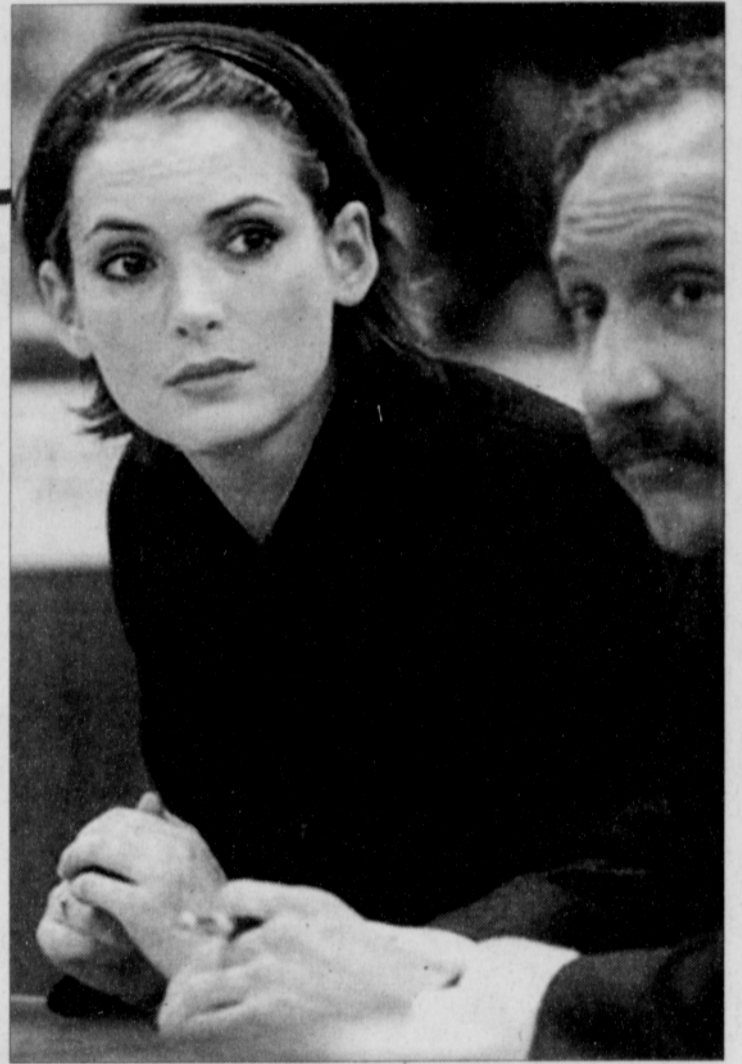
Ryder was a portrait of composure as the verdicts were read. She showed no emotion.

When asked about the verdict, Ryder and her attorney, Mark Geragos, declined to comment until after the Dec. 6 sentencing.

"Thanks for asking," she said. "I just can't talk right now."

Rundle, who sometimes chatted with the defendant during the trial, said, "I found Ms. Ryder to be a very nice individual. This was never about her character, only her conduct."

Ryder, who began her film career as a teenager in 1986, earned Academy Award nominations for "Little Women" and "The Age of Innocence."



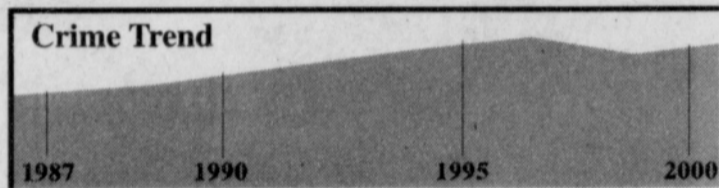
Winona Ryder is at the table with her defense attorney as the verdict is read in her trial in Beverly Hills.

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Crimes Up for First Time in a Decade

New figures by the FBI show that murder, rape and every other violent criminal act except aggravated assault rose last year, the first year-to-year increase in overall crime in a decade.

The number of murders increased for the second straight year, following several years of decline, according to the FBI, which compiles its annual survey from crimes reported by 17,000 law enforcement



ter, the Pentagon and the plane crash in Pennsylvania. These deaths, the FBI said, "are different from the day-to-day crimes committed in this country."

The total number of crimes rose 2.1 percent last year, the first increase from year to year since 1991, the FBI said. But overall crime still is down 10 percent compared with 1997, according to the report.

agencies nationwide. The 15,980 murders represented a 2.5 percent increase over 2000, while forcible rapes were up less than 1 percent and robberies rose 3.7 percent. Aggravated assaults fell by a half-percentage point, reaching its lowest level since 1987. The FBI did not include the Sept. 11 deaths at the World Trade Cen-

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Stripper Pleads Guilty, Will Testify Against Boyfriend

(AP)—A stripper pleaded guilty Tuesday to luring a millionaire auto glass businessman to a hotel room where he was robbed and shot to death.

Brandi L. Hungerford, 26, struck a deal in which she pleaded to second-degree murder in the slaying of Rick Chance and agreed to testify against her boyfriend, Robert Donald Lemke.

Lemke allegedly robbed Chance of a suitcase filled with \$1 million in jewels and watches and killed him. The businessman's body was found Aug. 9 in a hotel room in suburban Phoenix.

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Man Sought for Attempted Murder

Portland Police Bureau Detectives, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in locating and apprehending Kenneth Wayne Phillip.

A felony arrest warrant, charging Phillip with Attempt Murder, is on file in Multnomah County. In addition, a felony arrest warrant on file in Clackamas County charges Phillip with Possession of a Controlled Substance and the Oregon Parole Board has issued a warrant for his arrest for Probation Violation. According to investigators, Phillip should be considered armed and extremely dangerous.

Kenneth Wayne Phillip is a 45-year old white male with a date of birth of March 3, 2002. Phillip is 5'7" tall and weighs approximately 175 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, any you need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP.

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