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Officer Guilty of Killing Neighbor

(AP) -- A white former Dallas police officer who said she fatally shot her unarmed, black neighbor after mistaking his apartment for her own was found guilty of murder on Tuesday.

A jury in Dallas, Texas reached the verdict in Amber Guyger's high-profile trial for the killing of Botham Jean after six days of witness testimony but just a handful of hours of deliberation.

Cheers erupted in the courthouse as the verdict was announced, and someone yelled "Thank you, Jesus!" In the hallway outside the courtroom where Guyger was tried, a crowd celebrated and said "black lives matter" in raised voices. When the prosecutors walked into the hall, they broke into cheers.



Allison Jean, the mother of wrong apartment shooting victim Botham Jean, rejoices in the courtroom Tuesday after fired Dallas Police Officer Amber Guyger was found guilty of his murder by a Dallas, Texas jury.

Guyger sat alone, weeping, at the defense table.

In Texas, the sentence for murder is from five to 99 years in prison. The jury will now be back in court to determine the punishment.

Jean, who grew up in the Caribbean island

nation of St. Lucia, came to the U.S. for college and starting his career as an accountant.

Benjamin Crump, one of the lawyer's for Jean's family, said the verdict honors other people of color who were killed by police officers who were not convicted of a crime.



Shooting Anniversary Memorialized

Family and friends of Patrick Kimmons marked the one year anniversary of his death Monday by protesting where the 27-year-old black man was shot by police, downtown. It happened after Kimmons shot two people. Both officers involved were cleared, but Kimmons' family is still looking for justice, claiming the lethal force used was excessive and calling on officers to be retrained.

County Wants Vaping Ban

The Multnomah County Board of Com-

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missioners announced last week that it is considering a ban on flavored vaping and tobacco products. "We need to stop teen vaping," Board Chair Deborah Kafoury said. "We cannot afford to wait as the number of new nicotine addicts continues to grow."

Racist Aggressions at Wilson

A leader of the Black Student Union at Wilson High School in southwest Portland helped organize a community listening session Thursday to address racist incidents that have roiled the school over the last year. Students of color at the meeting said they

all faced racist microaggressions that made them feel uncomfortable at school.

Abuse of Power Complaint

A stunning whistleblower complaint that was released Thursday alleges President Trump abused his official powers "to solicit interference" from Ukraine in the upcoming 2020 election, and that the White House took steps to cover it up. Trump has denied any wrongdoing. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced a formal impeachment inquiry.

California Allows Pay to Play

California will let college athletes hire agents and make money from endorsements, defying the NCAA and setting up a likely legal challenge that could reshape amateur sports in the U.S. Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Monday he signed the law.



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