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EX-OUTFIELDER FOUND GUILTY IN DWI CASE

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A St. Louis County jury Wednesday evening found former St. Louis Cardinals outfielder David Green guilty of driving while intoxicated in an accident in which a woman in another car suffered a broken pelvis.

The woman, Gladys Yount, 85, of Jennings, died of a heart attack two hours later.

Jurors recommended that Green serve six months in the County Jail and pay a fine to be assessed by the court. The jurors deliberated for about five hours.

Prosecutor **Bret Rich** alleged that Green's drinking and driving had caused the injuries but not Yount's death. She was a passenger in the car driven by her husband, Byron, on Jan. 29, 1995.

After the accident in Country Club Hills, Green, 35, refused to take a blood alcohol or breath test. Police got a court order for a blood alcohol test, and Green showed an alcohol level of .18 percent, or nearly double the legal limit for driving of .10 percent.

Rich said the blood alcohol test was administered to Green five hours after the accident.

At the time of the accident, Green was a security guard.

Through a Spanish interpreter, Green testified that he had six beers but denied he was drunk when his 1988 Mazda crashed into the Younts' 1983 Pontiac. Green was westbound on West Florissant Avenue at the intersection of Lucas & Hunt Road.

Defense attorney Charles M. Shaw said Byron Yount was making a left turn onto Lucas & Hunt and failed to wait for the green arrow. Since both drivers had green lights, Yount failed to yield to oncoming traffic, Shaw said. He urged the jury to separate the tragedy of Gladys Yount's death from the facts of the case.

In court on Tuesday, Shaw asked Byron Yount to read the big clock at the back of the courtroom and tell the jury the time. Yount said it was 10:30 a.m. The clock read 11:55.

Green was the right fielder on the Cardinals' 1982 World Series winning team. He joined the Cardinals in 1980 and was traded to the Giants in 1985. He played briefly for the Cardinals again in 1987, then left baseball.

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