

El Dorado County jury sentences man to death in CHP killing

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An El Dorado County jury recommended a death sentence for David Charles Zanon for running down and killing California Highway Patrol Officer Scott Russell in 2007.

The jury returned the verdict Wednesday after four days of deliberation. The judge will formally impose sentencing at a later hearing.

“Justice was served. I’m very happy,” said Lynn Russell, the officer’s widow, who spoke briefly in front of the El Dorado County District Attorney’s Office.

After being found asleep in a car filled with stolen items on July 31, 2007, Zanon awoke and led officers on a lengthy chase from Rancho Cordova deep into El Dorado County.

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