Holton man guilty of murder

(KNZA)--A Jackson County jury finds a Holton man guilty of murdering his wife.

Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller tells MSC News the verdict was handed down Thursday for 67-year-old George Fleshman, Jr. following about three hours of deliberations.

Fleshman was charged with 2nd-degree murder in connection with the death of his 62-year-old wife, Elizabeth.

She was killed at the couple's residence in October 2015.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse says an autopsy showed she died due to trauma to the spleen.

Fleshman was arrested in March of 2016 following an investigation by the Sheriff's Department.

The trial, following two previous postponements, began Monday.

Miller says Fleshman's sentencing is set for the morning of January 12.

He was remanded to the Jackson County Jail pending sentencing.

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