Ex-Leavenworth officer found not guilty in fatal shooting

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (AP) — A second jury has found a former Leavenworth police officer not guilty in the 2017 shooting death of a man inside his vehicle while responding to a report of a domestic dispute at a home.

The Kansas City Star reports that Matthew Harrington was acquitted Wednesday of involuntary manslaughter in the death of 47-year-old Antonio Garcia Jr.

The decision came after a mistrial was declared in Harrington's first trial in April. Harrington shot Garcia in July 2017 while Garcia was sitting inside a vehicle in Leavenworth.

Prosecutors said Garcia had a knife but didn't threaten the officer. Harrington was fired after a department investigation found he had violated policies on use of deadly force.

A lawyer for Harrington says the second jury made the correct decision.

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