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Eric Frein Guilty on All Charges for Killing of Pennsylvania State Trooper

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Frein was convicted of first-degree murder of a law enforcement officer, attempted murder, terrorism and two weapons of mass destruction counts related to the small bombs he left in the woods during the manhunt. He says the verdict means “a brutal murderer will be held accountable for his heinous and cowardly acts”.

Frein, who led police on a 48-day manhunt through the Pocono Mountains before his capture by USA marshals, faces a potential death sentence if he’s convicted of killing Cpl.

The prosecution, headed by Pike County DA Ray Tonkin, is expected to review all of the evidence presented during the nine days of testimony. Bryon Dickson II was wearing when he was killed.

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Prosecutors say he opened fire on random troopers at the Blooming Grove barracks in the Pocono Mountains because he was trying to spark a revolution.

Pike County District Attorney Raymond Tonkin said he will seek the death penalty for Frein, who has pleaded not guilty. The state's last execution was in 1999, and it has executed only three people since the U.S. Supreme Court restored the death penalty in 1976.

Outside the courthouse after the verdict had been announced, Eric Frein's defense attorney William Ruzzo said the defense's attention is shifting to convince the jury that his client does not deserve the death penalty.

Frein was accused of hiding in a forest in September of 2014 and opening fire with a sniper's rifle in an ambush on State Police barracks. Frein then waited to pick off anyone who tried to help Dickson, Tonkin said.

On Monday, Douglass got a chance to confront his alleged assailant, describing years of pain and rehabilitation for a jury weighing capital murder charges against the man he called a coward.

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The outcome of Eric Frein's trial is not in doubt.

Tonkin said he will be seeking "full justice", while defense lawyer Bill Ruzzo said he will appeal to jurors to spare Frein's life.

Prosecutors have called dozens of witnesses in addition to the more than 500 pieces of evidence.

The abrupt end to the evidentiary part of the trial sets the stage for closing statements Wednesday morning and a possible verdict by the end of the day. The jury listened to Tonkin's almost two-hour closing remarks – and to the roughly 10-minute remarks from Frein's attorney, Michael Weinstein.



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