

Man shot by police is guilty of gun charge

A man who was shot by a Minneapolis police officer after he pointed a gun at another officer was convicted Wednesday of being a felon in possession of a gun.

But the Hennepin County jury was unable to reach a verdict on whether Lonnie L. Evans was guilty of first-degree assault. He will be retried on that charge Aug. 12.

Evans, 21, of Minneapolis, was shot twice by officer Paul Gillies on Oct. 16 in the 2200 block of N. 4th St. His injuries were not serious.

According to court documents:

Gillies and officer Cheryl Kassa had re- Lonnie L. sponded to a call about a disturbance involv- **Evans** ing a car.



Evans, who was in the back seat, hesitated when asked to get out of the car and slid across the seat, away from the officers.

When Evans emerged, Gillies saw that he was holding a gun. Gillies yelled a warning to Kassa and fired.

District Judge Mel Dickstein will sentence Evans on May 27 on the gun possession charge.

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