



Dr. Conrad Murray in court earlier this week as the verdict was being read.

## Murray Is Convicted Of Manslaughter in Jackson Case

He Could Get Four-Year Sentence and Lose License

By JAMES W. SMITH  
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LOS ANGELES—Dr. Conrad Murray is now in jail for negligently giving Michael Jackson a fatal dose of a powerful anesthetic that the “King of Pop” affectionately called “milk.”

Dr. Murray now faces a sentence of up to four years in prison and could lose his medical license.

Dr. Murray was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in Los Angeles Superior Court earlier this week for administering a lethal dose of the powerful anesthetic propofol that killed the star in June 2009.

The doctor was being paid \$150,000/month to help the singing star get through a planned tour.

As the verdict was read, cheers rang out in the courtroom, and then an emotionless Dr. Murray was cuffed and led away by guards.

He was jailed to await sentencing.

## In His Final Days, King Of Pop Is Hazy, Focused

Trial: Reckless Jackson Fretted About Fame, Kids

By RALPH G. MARX  
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LOS ANGELES—One Sunday in May 2009, Michael Jackson’s personal physician used a smart phone application called iTank to capture the slurred voice of the pop icon as he drifted toward sleep.

The digital recording reflected Mr. Jackson’s heavy use of intravenous sedatives, the kind of drug that killed him six weeks later.

That was just one of countless hidden details of Mr. Jackson’s last days that the world learned during the involuntary manslaughter trial of Dr. Conrad Dr. Murray. Jurors heard closing arguments, after nearly six weeks and 49 witnesses.

“We have to be phenomenal,” Mr. Jackson said on the recording, between long pauses. “When people leave my show, I want them to say, ‘We have never seen nothing like this in my life. ... He’s the greatest entertainer in the world.’”

Like a lot of evidence at the trial, the recording shows Mr. Jackson as both talented and troubled.



He was handcuffed after the verdict was pronounced and was jailed to await sentencing.

Outside, thousand of fans had gathered holding banners bearing statements like “He’s a CON” and “Conrad Murray-DER.”

The pop singer’s parents (Joe and Katherine Jackson), his siblings (LaToya Jackson, Randy Jackson and Jermaine Jackson) were all in court for the verdict.

The jury had deliberated

nearly nine hours.

The seven men and five women jurors had heard during the six-week trial the prosecution argument that Dr. Murray’s use of propofol in Mr. Jackson’s home to treat his insomnia was so reckless that it was criminally negligent.

Witnesses for the prosecution, including Mr. Jackson’s former bodyguard, claimed that Dr. Murray had asked people to hide drug vials and generally treated his work like a game.

It was also claimed that Dr. Murray spent 45 minutes on the phone to a 25-year-old cocktail waitress called Sade Anding before he realized his patient was in trouble and raised the alarm.

Witnesses testified that Dr. Murray sent a text message to a Spearmint Rhino stripper called Michelle Bella earlier that morning and took a call from another mistress, Bridgette Morgan, at around the same time, although he was living at the time with 29-year-old Nicole Alvarez, the mother of his young son.

Defense lawyers argued that Mr. Jackson had helped himself to a fatal dose that led to his death, although they later dropped the claim.

A coroner found the 50-year-old singing star’s death was caused by acute propofol intoxication combined with two sedatives.

David Walgren, the prosecutor in the case, told the court: “Conrad Murray left Prince, Paris and Blanket without a father.

“For them, this case doesn’t end today, or tomorrow. For Michael’s children, this case will go on forever, because they do not have a father. They do not have a father because of the actions of Conrad Murray.”

Dr. Murray will be sentenced Nov. 29.



Michael Jackson

His music sales in the United States had peaked in the 1980’s, and he had not toured since 1997, but the listener can tell he’s ambitious for a comeback.

Even through a daze, Mr. Jackson sounds focused on somehow driving his 50-year-old body to success in the “This Is It” series of 50-sold-out concerts in London that were to begin two months later.

Six weeks after that record  
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## Man Acquitted in Death Of Son of Former Coach

‘In Our Gut, We Knew He’s Guilty,’ Juror Tells Father, ‘We Couldn’t Go With Our Gut Feeling’

### Jury Tampering Claimed; Some Witnesses Flip

By W. ORLANDO PIERCE  
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The man alleged to have shot to death the son of a former high school basketball coach was acquitted by a jury that had deliberated seven hours.

At least two jurors tearfully said they believed the defendant was guilty of first-degree murder.

The verdict followed claims that there had been some jury tampering, and after a number of witnesses for the prosecution changed their stories from what they had told police.

Kendal Laron Richardson, 21, was found not guilty in the shooting death of Jonathan Phillip Ingersoll.

Mr. Ingersoll died on March 22, 2009.

The victim was riding in a car on N. MacArthur Boulevard near NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Street when another vehicle pulled alongside and a person inside fired into the car, police testified during the trial.

Despite testimony from the driver of the victim’s car identifying Mr. Richardson as the shooter, the jury did not convict him on two counts, including second-degree murder.

Jonathan Ingersoll was the son of Phil Ingersoll, the former athletic director of the Oklahoma City Public School System.

Phil Ingersoll won five state



Kendal L. Richardson



Kenneth W. Thompson III

basketball championships as a coach at Douglass and Northeast High Schools.

Two jurors cried after the verdict was read, and told the dead man’s father they thought Mr. Richardson was guilty, but could not prove all the “elements” of the case.

“In our gut, we knew he was guilty,” said one of the jurors, who requested anonymity. “But based on the law, we couldn’t go with our gut feeling.”

Oklahoma County District Attorney David Prater declined to comment on the verdict.

The trial was plagued by several delays, allegations of jury intimidation and uncooperative witnesses, many of whom testified reluctantly or refused to testify at all.

At least four prosecution witnesses (two of whom are serving time in unrelated cases) testified they lied during interviews with homicide detectives because they were threatened with jail time if they didn’t cooperate.

Videos of those interviews shown to the jury did not corroborate the accusations.

A witness testified he was high on PCP and lied to detectives when he said to officers Mr. Richardson told him in jail that he shot Jonathan Ingersoll in the head and was going to beat the murder wrap.

In addition to Mr. Richardson and co-defendant Kenneth Wayne Thompson III, who is charged with first-degree murder in the victim’s death, several witnesses acknowledged belonging to gangs or were linked to gangs during the trial.

Even the victim was a gang member, prosecutors said, although one witness said Mr. Ingersoll was a “wannabe” gang member.

Two weeks ago, allegations of jury intimidation surfaced when one juror said he was approached by a supporter of a former suspect in the case who testified dur-

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## Filing Period For Candidates Is Announced

Election to Decide On Two Metro Tech Board Members

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Those interested in running as a candidate for either Position No. III or Position No. IV on the Board of Education of the Metro Technology Centers of Oklahoma City may file in early December.

The registration period for candidates at the Oklahoma County Election Board is from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. from Monday, Dec. 5, through Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Both positions have four-year terms.

Elizabeth Richards and Elaine Schuster, respectively, are currently holding Positions III and IV.

The election is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Candidates must have been a registered voter for six months prior to filing within the boundaries of a particular district, and must comply with Oklahoma Ethics Commission rules for school board members.

## Andrew B. Hamlin Jr.

### Descendant of First Black To Serve in Legislature Is Dead

By ROBERT E. BARNES  
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Andrew B. Hamlin Jr., 81, a descendant of the first Black elected to serve in the Oklahoma Legislature, died on Oct. 29.

Mr. Hamlin was a retired worker at Tinker U.S. Air Force Base.

He was a descendant of Albert Comstock Hamlin, who was elected in 1908 by a 2-1 margin to the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

A Republican, A. C. Hamlin was elected to represent a district in Logan County. At the time, Logan County was about 25 percent Black.

A. C. Hamlin was defeated for reelection in 1910, after a Democratic Party-sponsored a state constitutional amendment was adopted that, essentially, prevented most Blacks from voting.

That amendment disallowed votes by anyone who could not read and write any section of the State Constitution, and barred anyone from voting who had not voted prior to Jan. 1, 1866.

The Emancipation Procla-



Andrew B. Hamlin

mation freeing the slaves was issued on Jan. 1, 1863.

After A. C. Hamlin’s reelection defeat, 54 years elapsed before another Black was elected (in 1964) to serve in the State Legis-

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