Wounded Hijacker Convicted

New York

Adventurer Garrett Brock Trapnell, who was shot and wounded by a federal agent during an aerial hijacking last year, was convicted yesterday of air piracy in federal court here.

The jury also found Trapnell guilty on charges of interfering with the operations of a flight crew and use of a gun in commission of a federal crime. He faces a maximum life sentence on the air piracy charge and 20 and ten years respectively on the other counts.

It was the second trial for Trapnell. His first, in January, ended with a hung jury when a woman who had been trained as a psychiatric social worker held out against a guilty verdict.

Witnesses said Trapnell took over a Trans World Airlines Boeing 707 jet on Jan. 29, 1972, after pulling a pistol from a false cast on his arm. The Los Angeles-New York flight with 101 passengers aboard was hijacked over Iowa and later landed at Kennedy Airport in New York.

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