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LONG BEACH, CALIF., JAN. 8 (AP)--A FORMER CITY POLICE DETECTIVE WAS CONVICTED OF INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER TODAY FOR THE FATAL SHOOTING OF A NEWSPAPER REPORTER LAST APRIL.

ERROLL GREENLEAF, 32, WAS FOUND GUILTY IN LONG BEACH SUPERIOR COURT, AND WILL BE SENTENCED NEXT FEB. 4.

HE AND A FELLOW DETECTIVE, CREIGHTON VIGGINS, 31, WERE ALLEGEDLY PLAYING "COPS AND ROBBERS" WITH LOADED PISTOLS WHEN ONE OF THE WEAPONS DISCHARGED ACCIDENTALLY.

FATALLY SHOT WAS REPORTER WILLIAM HUNTER, 35, OF THE LONG BEACH INDEPENDENT-PRESS TELEGRAM.

VIGGINS EARLIER PLEADED NO CONTEST TO THE CHARGES AND WAS PLACED ON THREE YEARS PROBATION.

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