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Convicted killer appeals to KS Supreme Court

(KAIR)--The Kansas Supreme Court this week will consider the appeal of a woman who shot her estranged husband to death in a downtown Leavenworth parking lot in 2017.

54-year-old Barbara Frantz, in July, 2020, was sentenced in Leavenworth County District Court to life in prison. She had been convicted of first-degree murder by a jury in 2018.

According to a release from the Kansas Courts, Frantz directly appealed her conviction of premeditated first-degree murder, with the defense, at trial, alleging that the actual shooter was Frantz's 23-year-old son.

The Kansas Supreme Court, Tuesday morning, will consider three issues on appeal, with the release explaining they are whether the district court erred in limiting cross-examination of the victim's son, whether the district court erred in denying Frantz's motion for judgement of acquittal at the close of the state's evidence, and if there was sufficient evidence at trial to convict Frantz of premeditated first-degree murder.

Gary Frantz was shot to death in January, 2017, and suffered five gun shot wounds, including one to the chest. According to a past release from Leavenworth County Attorney Todd Thompson, as Frantz lay dying, he told Leavenworth Police his wife had shot him.

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