

KCK man convicted in son's shotgun slaying

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A 75-year-old man was found guilty today by a Wyandotte County jury in the shotgun killing of his son last March in Kansas City, Kan.

Barney Holland had testified Tuesday that his 47-year-old son, Ronald Addison, had been verbally and physically abusive before Holland fired a shotgun blast into his son's chest inside the house at 711 Lafayette Ave., Kansas City, Kan.

The jury deliberated about 2½ hours before finding Holland guilty of voluntary manslaughter.

Holland said Addison, who was raised by his mother, was complaining March 1 that the last thing his father had bought for him was a pair of shoes when he was 7 years old.

"You owe me," Holland quoted his son as saying. "You're going to pay now."

Holland said he told Addison twice that he was going to have to leave the house and that both

times his son had lifted him up and slammed him against a wall. Holland said he then made a comment about Addison's mother, and that his son had pulled a knife and held it to his father's throat.

Holland said a short time later he picked up his shotgun. He said he believed his son was going to rush at him.

Holland said: "He said, 'You put me here. I'll make you take me out.' I was just scared he was going to kill me."

Mike Warner, Wyandotte

County assistant district attorney, asked Holland if he had made any attempt to leave, call the police or his nephew who was upstairs at the time, or to try to calm down his son.

Holland said he had not.

A detective testified that the defendant's nephew, Michael Holland, ran downstairs after he heard the shotgun blast. The detective said the nephew quoted his uncle as saying, "(Forget) him, let him die."