



Patrick Evans gets life without parole in shooting deaths of wife, man

A man found guilty this week on two counts of 1st degree murder will get life in prison without possibility of parole.

- Patrick Evans sentenced to life in prison without parole
- He got new trial after conviction, death sentence overturned in '15
- Elizabeth Evans, Gerald Taylor found dead in 2008
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Patrick Evans learned his sentence Thursday evening.

Six years ago, Evans was found guilty of first-degree murder in the shooting deaths of his estranged wife, Elizabeth Evans, and a man she was dating, Gerald Taylor. They were found dead inside her Gulfport condo in December, 2008.

But Evans, a former Jabil executive, got a new trial after the Florida Supreme Court overturned his conviction and death sentence in 2015.

On Wednesday, it took a jury about four hours to find him guilty.

Unlike his first trial, it would have taken a unanimous jury to sentence him to death.

Both the victims' families sat through both trials, and are relieved it's finally over.

"I feel as good as I can possibly feel," said Julian Weingarten, Elizabeth's father. "I mean, he's going away forever and he's never gonna come out again, it doesn't help bring back Beth and Gerald Taylor."

"He's shown no remorse for the families, never once shown any emotion towards the families and as far as I'm concerned he can rot in jail," said J.P. Taylor, Gerald's brother.

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