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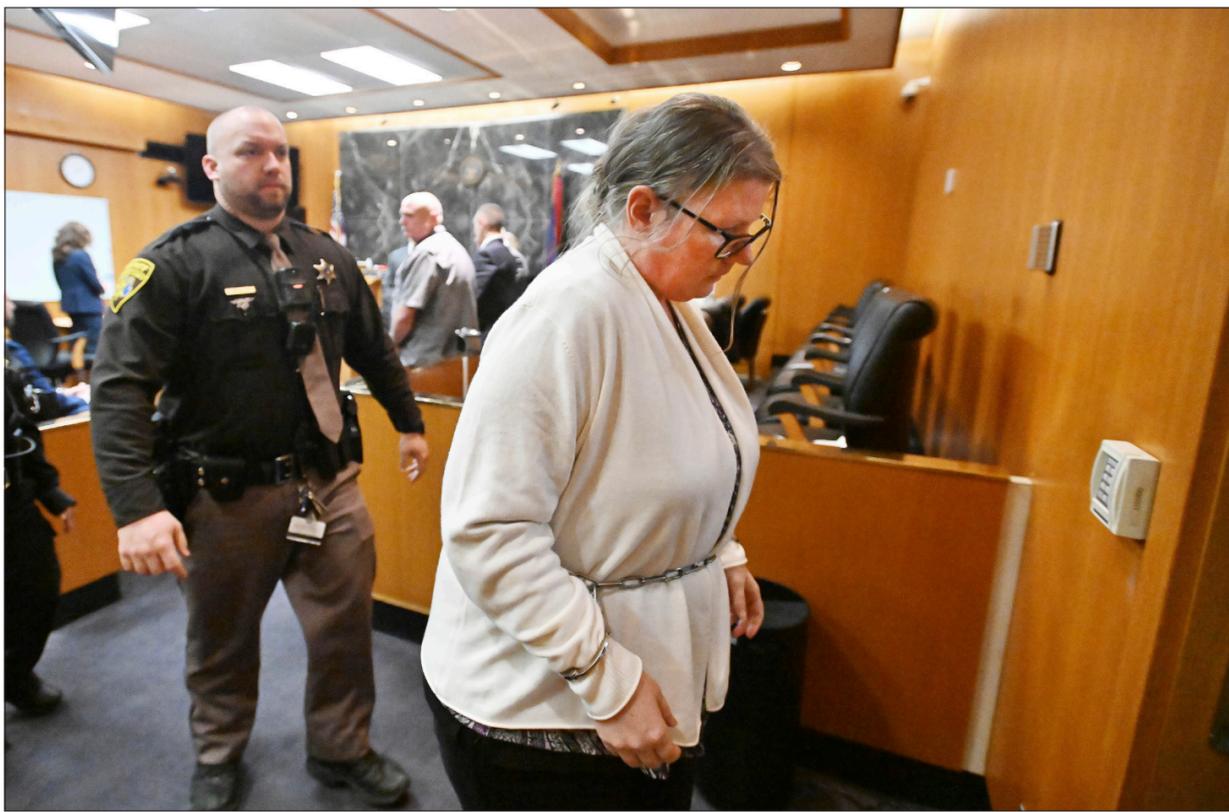
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Defendant Jennifer Crumbley exits the courtroom after the jury's unanimous verdict of guilty of involuntary manslaughter on all counts at the conclusion of her trial in the courtroom of Judge Cheryl Matthews at Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac on Tuesday.

## Jury determines Jennifer Crumbley responsible for student deaths, injuries

By Aileen Wingblad  
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It's a guilty verdict for Jennifer Crumbley.

After deliberating for a day and a half, an Oakland County jury on Tuesday convicted the Oxford school shooter's mother, Jennifer Crumbley, 45, on four counts of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the four teens her son, Ethan Crumbley, murdered in 2021.

Jennifer Crumbley appeared stunned initially when the first verdict was read, then stared down as the other three guilty verdicts were announced in Oakland County Circuit Court, shortly after 1:30 p.m.

Moments later, Judge Cheryl

Matthews thanked the jurors and said: "We all know that this was one of the hardest things you've ever done."

Ethan Crumbley opened fire at Oxford High School on Nov. 30, 2021, killing Madisyn Baldwin, 17, Tate Myre, 16, Justin Shilling, 17, and Hana St. Juliana, 14. He also shot six other teens and a teacher.

Charges against Jennifer Crumbley were based on the prosecution's assertion that she failed to perform a legal duty to "exercise reasonable care" in controlling her son and preventing the shootings, and that she "willfully neglected" or refused to perform that duty.

She was accused of allowing

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Oakland County Prosecutor Karen McDonald, right, shakes hands with Oxford High School victim parents after Jennifer Crumbley was found guilty on four counts of involuntary manslaughter in the Oakland County courtroom on Tuesday Feb. 6, 2024 in Pontiac.

VERDICT IMPACT

## Crumbley verdict shows parents can share blame for school shootings

By Kim Bellware  
The Washington Post

When a 15-year-old brought a gun to Oxford High School on Nov. 30, 2021, killed four of his schoolmates and wounded seven other people, the United States was in the grip of a gun violence crisis that had already stretched more than two decades and tallied more than 300 school shootings.

The intractable problem of school gun violence is now pushing prosecutors to consider a provocative — some say overdue — question: When a child picks up a gun and hurts or kills someone, should their parents be held responsible, too?

In the past two months alone, the father of a young man who carried out the deadly 2022 Highland Park, Ill., mass shooting pleaded guilty to misdemeanor reckless conduct for sponsoring his son's gun ownership application despite clear warning signs. The mother of a Virginia 6-year-old who shot his teacher was sentenced to two years in prison for felony child neglect.

On Tuesday, Jennifer Crumbley, the 45-year-old mother of the Oxford High School shooter was convicted of four counts of involuntary manslaughter by an Oakland County jury after an emotional trial that examined a parent's culpability for their child's deadly actions.

The jury of six men and six

women deliberated for about 11 hours before finding her guilty. The Crumbleys bought their son, Ethan, a gun four days before the shooting as an early Christmas gift, a fact that propelled their prosecutions as the first parents of a mass shooter to face such serious charges for their child's crime. Crumbley's husband, James, 47, faces identical charges at a trial scheduled for March.

The Crumbleys' son was sentenced in December to life in prison for the murders of Hana St. Juliana, 14; Tate Myre, 16, Madisyn Baldwin, 17; and Justin Shilling, 17. Prosecutors agreed the parents did not know about their son's plan, but they argued the parents' actions made them responsible: They bought their son a gun four days before the shooting, allegedly failed to secure it properly and had ample warning signs that he could pose a threat to others.

The shooter's access to a 9mm Sig Sauer semiautomatic pistol has been a key point throughout her trial.

School shooting data indicates that family members storing guns securely would curb the flow of weapons in a majority of school shootings perpetrated by children, who, unlike adult shooters, cannot legally buy firearms. The Washington Post reviewed more than 180 shootings committed by juveniles since the

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HAZEL PARK

## Man accused of carjacking ambulance to stand trial

Police say suspect pushed driver out of seat, assaulted officers

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A Hazel Park man charged with carjacking and resisting police was ordered to stand trial Tuesday after police say he pushed the driver out of an EMS ambulance they called to take him to the hospital and got behind the wheel.

Suspect Kahlil Lock, 28, was arrested on the charges over a year ago. Early in the case he was ordered to undergo a psychiatric examination at the state Center for Forensic Psychiatry in York Township, and found incompetent for trial.

After treatment, however, he was deemed competent to stand trial on the charges. Lock remains in the Oakland County Jail on a \$250,000 cash bond.

Hazel Park 43rd District Judge Brian Hartwell ordered the suspect to trial in Oakland County Circuit Court following Tuesday's hearing.

Hazel Park Police Chief Brian Buchholz said a series of events led to Lock's arrest on Jan. 18, 2023.

Police were called to the 23000 block Cayuga Avenue after a passerby allegedly saw him with a stick-like piece of wood with protruding screws in it beating on the roof of a vehicle.

"Officers saw the suspect in the front yard and it turned out the vehicle belonged to his mother," Buchholz said. "He told officers he suffers from psychosis and hadn't been taking his medicine."

After talking to the suspect, po-  
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WASHINGTON

## Appeals court: Trump has no immunity from Jan. 6 prosecution

Former president has already indicated he plans to ask the Supreme Court to review the ruling

By Rachel Weiner  
The Washington Post

A federal appeals court has unanimously ruled that Donald Trump can be put on trial for trying to stay in power after losing the 2020 election, rejecting Trump's sweeping claim of presidential immunity and moving the case one step closer to a jury.

"For the purpose of this criminal case, former President Trump has become citizen Trump, with all of the defenses of any other criminal defendant. But any executive immunity that may have protected him while he served as President no longer protects him against this prosecution," the panel of three judges wrote. "The interest in criminal accountability, held by both the public and the Executive Branch, outweighs the potential risks of chilling Presidential action and permitting vexatious litigation."

Trump has already indicated that he plans to ask the full U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court

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