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Two Found Not Guilty in Assault

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Two Great Falls men charged with assault and battery with intent to kill were found not guilty Oct. 6 in the 2006 shooting of Jackie Dean Barrs, then 39, also of Great Falls. The case was tried at the Fairfield County Courthouse.

Barrs was found in the woods by police officers about 300 yards from the abandoned Lambright Nursing Home on Peach Rd. in Ridgeway on Jan. 28, 2006, two days after he was last seen by his grandmother.

According to police reports, Burrs appeared to have been assaulted, and his eyes and face were swollen and bruised. He was disoriented, but told officers he suffered the injuries after falling down. He also told officers he had been drinking.

An examination in the emergency room revealed Barrs had also been shot in the back of the head.

A year later, authorities arrested Timothy Ray Parsons, 53, and Roger Wayne Woods Sr., 52. Woods, Barrs and Parsons had all worked at the same business at the time of the shooting.

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