

Verdict overturned in dismemberment case

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TRENTON, N.J. -- The New Jersey Supreme Court said Monday a man convicted of shooting his girlfriend and then boiling her head in a pot on the stove deserves a new trial. The state's high court voted 5-2 that trial errors had prevented George Jenewicz of South River from presenting his self-defense case to the jury, The (Newark) Star-Ledger reported. Jenewicz, 54, was sentenced to 34 1/2 years to life for the 1998 shooting death of Eunice Gillens-Joseph, 42. Police say they found Gillens-Joseph's head in a pot of boiling water. Her arms and legs were discovered in a park. Jenewicz testified at his trial that Gillens-Joseph had reached for a shotgun after learning he had bought alcohol instead of cocaine, so he grabbed a handgun and shot her once in the chest in self-defense, the newspaper reported. In its ruling, the Supreme Court found the trial judge was wrong to have precluded the testimony of two defense witnesses and that the prosecutor had engaged in improper cross-examination of another witness.

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