

# Conviction draws fire

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Two men who beat an aboriginal prostitute to death were found guilty of manslaughter on Friday, setting off more criticism of the justice system by aboriginal groups.

Lindsay Kaye, chief of the Sakimay Indian band, called for a public inquiry into the manslaughter verdict in the killing of band member Pamela George.

"All it goes to prove to me is that there's two justice systems within the province of Saskatchewan — one for the Indian people and one for the white people," said Kaye.

"It's all right for a white person to kill an Indian person. Nobody cares if an Indian person dies."



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**Alexander Ternowetsky speaks to Friday after being found guilty of manslaughter.**

A jury found Steven Kummerfield and Alexander Ternowetsky, both 20, guilty of manslaughter in George's death. They will be sentenced Jan. 3.

They were originally

charged with first-degree murder.

The battered body of George, 28, was found lying face-down in a muddy ditch west of the city on April 18.

Kummerfield and Ternowetsky admitted they beat her and had oral sex with her, but maintained she was alive and yelling at them when they left her.

During the trial, friends of the two men quoted them as saying such things afterwards as: "We drove around, got drunk and killed this chick," and "She deserved it. She was an Indian."

Justice Ted Malone of Court of Queen's Bench made it clear in his charge to the jury he didn't think the men should be convicted of first-degree murder.