

Man convicted of murder

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JUNEAU — A 21-year-old Juneau man was convicted of first-degree murder Thursday in the beating and stabbing death of an elderly woman, but a jury acquitted him of fatally stabbing her husband.

Newton Lambert sat quietly as the verdicts were read by Superior Court Judge Rodger Pegues, who later ordered that a presentence investigation be made.

A six-man, six-woman jury had deliberated two days before finding Lambert guilty of murdering Anne Benolken, 61, in April of 1982. The panel, however found him innocent of murdering her husband, James Benolken, 63.

The couple's bodies were discovered in their apartment on April

13, 1982.

Prosecutors alleged that Lambert and a co-defendant, Emanuel Telles, 35, met at a downtown bar and decided to raise some cash by burglarizing the Benolkens' apartment.

In the process, both were killed, with Mrs. Benolken being stabbed more than 60 times, authorities alleged.