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**Julie Mikele Ward Sentenced to 4 Years in Prison
for Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon**

(Austin, TX) A jury in Travis County has found 50-year-old Julie Mikele Ward guilty of Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon and sentenced her to four years in prison for shooting at her husband.

The verdict and sentence were handed down on February 14 in the 331st District Court before Judge Chantal Eldridge.

According to Austin Police, on May 14, 2019, Ward insisted that she come over to her estranged husband's house in North Austin. The couple had been separated for over a year. She asked her husband for help with her car. Unbeknownst to her husband, Ward was carrying a loaded gun in her backpack. While he poured coolant into the car, she pulled out the loaded gun and fired one shot at him. He ran inside his house screaming that Ward, "is trying to kill me." Ward fled the scene and threw the gun onto the Mopac Expressway. She was arrested that night.

The jury deliberated for less than an hour to convict Ward. Travis County Assistant District Attorney Jaustin Ohueri prosecuted the case.

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