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(S.D.)-No Reduced Sentence For Woman Accused Of Shooting Airman Husband



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RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) - A judge has refused to reduce the 65-year prison sentence of a New Underwood woman who shot her husband twice in the head.

Thirty-year-old Amanda Kaur initially was charged with murder in the November 2010 death of 26-year-old Ira Kaur, an airman at Ellsworth Air Force Base. She eventually pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of manslaughter but was still given the lengthy prison term.

Kaur in court on Thursday repeated her claim that her husband was suicidal and the gun he held went off when she struggled to take it away from him.

Circuit Judge Robert Mandel noted in denying her request for a lesser sentence that a second shot also was fired and that Amanda Kaur had bought the gun the previous day at a gun shop.

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