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THIBODAUX – A Lafourche Parish jury found a Napoleonville man guilty as charged for his role in a shootout at a Thibodaux Mardi Gras parade last January.

Ryan Harris, 21, was accused of seeking out Quincey Johnson, also of Napoleonville, between the Krewe of Shaka and Ambrosia Parades on January 31, after the two were involved in an argument earlier in the day. Harris, who was armed with a pistol and wearing body armor, shot Johnson. Johnson returned fire, wounding Harris.

"This conviction closes the book on what could have been a major tragedy," District Attorney Camille A. Morvant, II said. "The city was fortunate that only these two suspects were injured."

Johnson, who was also charged in the altercation, pled guilty on Tuesday to three felony offenses related to his role in the shooting.

Harris was convicted on four separate felony counts – attempted second degree murder, possession of a stolen firearm, unlawful use of body armor during the commission of a crime of violence and illegal carrying of a firearm at a parade with any firearm used in the commission of a crime of violence

"The credit goes to the Thibodaux Police Department," said Assistant District Attorney Jason Chatagnier, who prosecuted the case. Chatagnier noted that TPD had both suspects in custody shortly after the shooting, and located eyewitnesses who helped make the case in court this week. Police officers and detectives also located evidence at the scene and elsewhere which tied Harris to the crime scene. "They did a great job wrapping up this investigation quickly."

Formal sentencing is set for October 5, 2017 at 9 a.m. before the Hon. Walter I. Lanier, III, who presided over the trial.