

## Protesting the verdict

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An estimated 3,000 citizens rallied and marched in the streets of downtown Minneapolis to protest the not guilty verdict of the man who killed Florida teen, Trayvon Martin.

Widespread outrage has been expressed since the July 13 verdict that acquitted George Zimmerman of all state charges associated with the Feb. 26, 2012 shooting death of Martin. The 17-year-old Martin was unarmed and returning to a residence where he was staying after what was supposed to have been a quick trip to a neighborhood store. Martin encountered Zimmerman and was shot one time in the heart. Zimmerman, who was 28 years of age at the time of the shooting, claimed he shot Martin in self-defense and was in fear for his life. The six-member all female jury agreed with Zimmerman's account and acquitted him on second-degree murder and manslaughter charges.

“(The verdict) is a wake up call to us all,” said civil rights attorney and director of the Community Justice Project,

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