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A voluntary manslaughter conviction has been handed 34-year-old Alfred Franklin Dudley of Roanoke--

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in the shotgun slaying of his wife. The conviction carries a maximum sentence of four years in the Penitentiary. Dudley was found guilty of the slaying of his wife--43-year-old Mary E. Dudley last February 5th in another man's apartment. The Prosecution had asked for a 2nd degree murder conviction. Defense attorney Barry Lichtenstein pleaded in concluding arguments--that Dudley was temporarily insane when he shot his wife. Roanoke Hustings Court Judge Richard T. Edwards refused to grant a defense motion that the Jury verdict be ~~XXXXX~~set aside. The Defense has appealed to the State Supreme Court--on the grounds that a key witness to the shooting--William Sloane--was not present to testify. Sloane was with Mrs. Dudley when the shooting took place.