

Ex-cop: Found guilty in Las Vegas tourist robberies ^N

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Bernardino force in 1982, shortly before the Summers trial ended. Jurors in that case later called for perjury charges against Meyer, but the district attorney's office found insufficient grounds for prosecution.

Jurors in Las Vegas deliberated about five hours Tuesday and Wednesday before convicting Meyer, who was on duty as a Nevada state gaming control agent at Caesar's Palace the night of the crimes.

Meyer and his attorney, Michael Davidson, told jurors in the six-day trial he didn't rob the five California tourists. Davidson said security guards, who were waiting outside after the victims called for help, mistook him for the real robber, the Review-Journal reported.

Meyer claimed Caesar's Palace managers framed him because they needed a reasonable explanation for why the guards were firing their guns in the parking lot.

Meyer shot at three guards who ap-

proached to question him and the guards fired back and chased him through the parking lot, according to police reports. Meyer was captured near Interstate 15 in Las Vegas.

The victims identified Meyer as the man who forced his way inside their seventh-floor hotel room brandishing a .25 caliber pistol.

The maximum prison term Meyer could receive for the crimes is automatically doubled because he used a deadly weapon, the Review-Journal story said.