verdict

DISTRICT COURT ROTTERDAM

Criminal Division

Prosecution number: 000000/23

Date of judgment: 7 January 2023

Inter partes proceedings

Judgment of the full court in the criminal case against the accused:

Mary J,

born in Rotterdam on 00-00-1999, registered in the Personal Records Database at the address XXXXX XX.

Counsel for the defendant: Mr X, LL.M., lawyer in Rotterdam

Prosecutor: Ms Y, LL.M.

This judgment was rendered following a hearing on the merits. The hearing on the merits of the case took place on XX XX 2022.

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The accused is charged - in brief - with being a co-perpetrator to the attempted manslaughter of Bill G. The full text of the charge as written down by the prosecutor in the indictment is included in Chapter 1 of this judgment.

The court did not find the charge proven. The arguments leading to acquittal are set out in Chapter 2 of this judgment.

Chapter 3 concludes this judgment with a brief account of all decisions and the signature of the judges and the registrar.

Name: Jack D.

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1. The charge laid down in the indictment

on 00-00.000 at XX, she deliberately stabbed a person named Bill G. with a screwdriver, or at least a sharp object, several times, or at least once in the neck, or at least in the body of Bill G., together and in association with one or more other persons, or at least alone, in order to carry out the crime intended by the accused, while the execution of that intended crime was not completed.

2. The proof

Prosecutor's position

The prosecutor found that the offence could be proved. The accused, in close and conscious cooperation with John D., tried to stab Bill G. to death. The accused lay down on the victim, thus giving John D. the opportunity to stab Bill G. in the neck.

Acquittal

The court finds that it has not been legally and convincingly proven that the accused committed the offence charged and therefore acquits the accused.

The defendant's potentially relevant contribution consists of falling over the victim Bill G. This occurred at the moment when the latter slips after John D. tried to stab Bill G. several times. The accused stated that she threw herself at Bill and fell over him in an attempt to separate him from John. This explanation of the events is not isolated and relates to corrobating evidence external to her account that supports this.

At that state of affairs, the defendant's criminal involvement is not established.

3. Decisions in brief and signature

The court:

declares not proven that the accused has committed the charged offence and acquits the accused thereof.

This judgment was delivered by:
Mr XX, chairman
and Mrs YY and ZZ, judges,
in the presence of Mr GG, registrar,
and pronounced at the public hearing of this court on 00 January 2023.