

**Ex-Fort Carson soldier convicted
of lesser charge in slaying •**

COLORADO SPRINGS A jury Wednesday acquitted a former Fort Carson soldier of first-degree murder in the slaying of a fellow Iraq war veteran but convicted him of a lesser charge of conspiracy to commit murder.

Louis Bressler, 25, was charged in the Dec. 1 slaying of Kevin Shields. He could face up to 24 years in prison and is to stand trial next month in the slaying of another soldier.

The jury deliberated nearly three days before finding him not guilty of first-degree murder after deliberation, first-degree murder in furtherance of a felony and aggravated robbery. Bressler's attorney argued that no physical evidence linked him to the slaying and that two co-defendants, also Iraq war vets, conspired to frame him.