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Shreveport pastor found guilty in sex crimes trial

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SHREVEPORT, LA (KSLA) - A Shreveport pastor has been found guilty on all counts in his federal trial on child sex charges.

Andrea Lewis of Act on Faith Church was charged with 3 counts of coercion or enticement of a minor female, accused of having sexual contact with girls in his church choir during trips out of state.

The jury deliberated about 3 hours before returning the unanimous decision just after 2 p.m. Friday.

On Thursday, his defense attorneys called character witnesses to the stand, who described him as a godly man and a good man.

The jury also heard an audio recording of an interview from a sex crimes investigator. During the interview, the investigator asked Lewis if he touched a girl's vaginal area when she spent the night at his house. Lewis told the investigator, "No."

The state also has a case against Lewis, and prosecutors are watching the case to determine how they proceed.

Sentencing for his conviction on the federal charges is set for June 20.

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