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A Denver jury has convicted a 34-year-old woman on all counts connected with the 1999 murder of Jason Horsley, a young man originally from Wyoming who was working as a carpenter in Denver.

Malaika Griffin (dob: 05-11-71) was found guilty of first-degree murder after deliberation, aggravated robbery and aggravated motor vehicle theft. She was sentenced shortly after the verdict was returned to life in prison without parole plus ten years.

Griffin lived in the 2300 block of Humboldt Street and in May 1999 she argued with her neighbor, 25-year-old Jason Horsley. After arguing, she went into her home and returned with a 9mm handgun with a laser sight and shot him at close range in the back. She fled the scene on foot and later stole a vehicle at gunpoint.

Griffin was profiled on America's Most Wanted several times over the last few years. On June 4, 2005 a co-worker in San Diego, California recognized her and turned her in. She was arrested June 5, 2005 by the FBI and was returned to Denver to stand trial.

Jason's family attended the week-long trial, which was prosecuted by Denver Deputy DA Geanne Moroye. The family was present for the verdict and sentencing today but declined to comment.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. *See* Colo. RPC 3.6