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### **CLARK SENTENCED IN WILLIAMS' MURDER CASE**

A Denver District Court Judge handed down a sentence today of life in prison without parole plus 1,152 years against the man convicted of killing Darrent Williams in the early morning hours of January 1, 2007.

**Willie D. Clark** (05-16-83) was convicted earlier of two counts of first-degree murder (F1), sixteen counts of attempted first-degree murder (F2), two counts of second-degree assault (F4) and illegal discharged of a firearm (F5). He was also convicted today at a separate hearing of being a habitual criminal.

Numerous friends and family members, including his mother, spoke this afternoon of how Williams' murder changed their lives forever. Chief Deputy DA Tim Twining noted for the Court how vicious and pointless the shooting was, saying the extraordinarily long sentence sends a message that our community will not tolerate this kind of indiscriminate violence.

The sentence handed down by Denver District Court Judge Christina Habas included life in prison without parole for the murder of Williams, and 1,152 years for the attempted murders of the other 16 people inside the limousine the day of the shooting. An additional 9-year sentence for the illegal discharge of a firearm was ordered to be served concurrent with the 1,152 years. The judge also ordered \$19,227.94 in restitution and requested written arguments about whether \$7,483 confiscated at the time of Clark's arrest should be applied to the restitution amount.

Clark still faces trial later this year in the 2006 murder of Kalonnian Clark.