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Neshan Johnson Sentenced for Murder

DENVER—On June 30th, 2023 Neshan Johnson was [sentenced for the murder of Pamela Cabriales](#). Johnson was sentenced in Denver District Court to serve 35 years in the Department of Corrections and 14 years of parole.

During the sentencing Pamela Cabriales’s friends and family spoke of Pamela as a person who was the very “best example of Live, Laugh and Love.”

Chief Deputy District Attorney Jake Friedberg called this one of the most senseless and disturbing cases he has ever tried. Mr. Johnson acted as the get-away driver while a 14-year-old juvenile in the front passenger seat got out and shot Ms. Cabriales with a high-powered assault rifle after the two cars they were in were involved in a minor fender-bender. Though he did not pull the trigger, Friedberg told the Court that Johnson “certainly bore partial responsibility for what happened, and as a result, owes a debt to the city, the community and to Ms. Cabriales’s family that he has yet to pay.”

This is Denver District Court case number 2021CR20003.

The now 16-year-old male juvenile is also facing homicide and other charges. His case, 21JD74, is currently in Juvenile Court though the District Attorney’s Office has petitioned for it to be transferred to Adult Court. It is next scheduled for a Competency Hearing on July 21, 2023.

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