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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **BERNAL PLEADS GUILTY TO MURDER**

A man scheduled to go on trial this week for the 2004 murders of 19-year-old Tiffany Witter and 23-year-old Christopher Skipwith has pleaded guilty today.

**Aaron Bernal** (06-06-78) pleaded guilty to two counts of *second-degree murder* (F2).

Bernal and Joann Redwillow (08-01-79) were together in a vehicle on September 12, 2004. They drove to 3100 block of West Dakota Avenue on September 12, 2004. Following an altercation, Bernal shot and killed Skipwith and then at the urging of Redwillow he shot and killed Witter. Chavez is accused of being in the car and helping them flee the scene.

Bernal is scheduled to be sentenced on February 23, 2007 at 1:30 in Denver District Courtroom 12; he faces 32 to 80 years in prison.

Redwillow pleaded guilty earlier to being an accessory to crime and was sentenced to 16 years in prison. Chavez is scheduled for arraignment on January 25, 2007 on two counts of being an accessory to crime (F4).