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TWO SENTENCED IN DEATH OUTSIDE LOUNGE

Two men who pleaded guilty earlier this year in connection with the death of a man outside of a Denver bar were sentenced to prison today.

Tony Than (DOB: 05-10-80) and **Duong Chong** (DOB: 02-15-75) were given the maximum sentence possible for their guilty pleas to criminally negligent homicide (F5) – three years in prison and two years of mandatory parole. They were also ordered to pay \$18,237 in restitution.

The victim, Kevin Swider (DOB: 08-15-80), was at the Funky Buddha Lounge, 776 Lincoln Street, on July 22, 2006. Than and Chong confronted Swider in the parking lot about remarks made earlier and assaulted him. Swider was knocked to the ground, causing him to hit his head and lose consciousness. Swider died from his injuries several hours later at Denver Health Medical Center.

Deputy District Attorney Matt Wenig as well as Swider's mother, aunt and friends urged the judge to give the maximum sentence in an emotional sentencing hearing.