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GUILTY VERDICT IN CLARK TRIAL

Willie Clark, one of three men accused in connection with the murder of 28-year-old Kalonniann Clark in 2006 has been found guilty on all counts this afternoon by a Denver jury.

Willie Clark (dob: 05-16-83) was convicted today of two counts of *First Degree Murder (F1)*, one count of *First Degree Burglary (F3)*, *Solicitation to Commit First Degree Murder (F2)*, *Conspiracy to Commit First Degree Murder (F2)*, and *Aggravated Intimidation of a Witness or Victim (F3)*.

He was sentenced immediately following the verdict to life in prison without parole, plus 424 years.

Clark was accused of conspiring with Brian Hicks and Shun Birch to kill Ms. Clark (no relation) in November and December 2006. At the direction of Hicks, Clark solicited and hired Birch to assist in the murder of Ms. Clark. They went to her home, forced their way inside, and fatally shot her. Clark is the last of the three co-defendants to face trial.

The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy DA Tim Twining and Deputy DA AnnMarie Spain.

Brian Hicks (dob: 12-14-78) was found guilty earlier of *First Degree Murder (F1)*, *Solicitation to Commit First Degree Murder (F2)*, *Conspiracy to Commit First Degree Murder (F2)*, and *Aggravated Intimidation of a Witness or Victim (F3)*. He has been sentenced to life in prison plus 120 years.

Shun Birch (dob: 03-31-81) was found guilty earlier of *First Degree Murder (F1)*, *First Degree Burglary (F3)*, and *Conspiracy to Commit Murder in the First Degree (F2)*. He has been sentenced to life in prison plus 48 years.

