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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN FOUND GUILTY OF FORMER WIFE'S MURDER**

A Denver jury has convicted a man in the brutal killing of his former wife in a failed suicide pact that happened in 2009.

**Keenu Tiyme** (dob: 07-13-73) was found guilty this afternoon of *first-degree murder* (F1) in the death of 39-year-old Kauri Tiyme. He had pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity.

Keenu Tiyme had rented a motel room in Denver on October 18, 2008. The body of Kauri Tiyme was found the next day by a housekeeper and information at the scene indicated their original plan had been a suicide pact. Tiyme fled the scene and was arrested on October 22, 2008, by New Mexico state police following a brief chase that ended when Tiyme lost control of his vehicle and crashed.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Maggie Conboy and Chief Deputy District Attorney Matt Wenig. The jury deliberated nearly two full days before reaching their verdict late today. Tiyme now faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole when he is sentenced in Denver District Court on June 30, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

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