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MAN FOUND GUILTY IN 2009 MURDER OF YOUNG MAN

A Denver jury has returned guilty verdicts today against a man accused of shooting and killing a young man in 2009.

Richard Impellizine (dob: 08-21-89) was found guilty of two counts of *first-degree murder*, two counts of *attempted first-degree murder*, *attempted aggravated robbery*, two counts of *attempted first-degree assault* and two counts of *illegal discharge of a firearm*.

Impellizine was accused of approaching the victim, 21-year-old Billy Ortiz, and his friends in June, 2009, as part of an attempted aggravated robbery. Impellizine shot at the group and then turned and fired at Ortiz who was sitting a car. Ortiz was taken to a local hospital and died the next morning.

The investigation into the shooting and murder took more than a year and charges were the result of a Grand Jury investigation. The case was prosecuted by Denver Deputy District Attorneys Steven Abraham and Kenneth Boyd. Impellizine will face life in prison without the possibility of parole plus 16 to 48 years for each surviving victim when he is sentenced in March 2012.

A co-defendant, Nathan Martinez, is scheduled for trial later this month as an accessory.