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MEN SENTENCED IN ABUSE OF A CORPSE CASE

Two men accused of abusing the body of a friend who died last August have been sentenced in connection with the case today.

Robert Jeffrey Young (dob: 06-13-68) pleaded guilty earlier to *identity theft* (F4) and *abuse of a corpse* (M2). He appeared in Denver District Court today, and as part of the guilty plea agreement he was given a two-year deferred judgment sentence for identity theft and two years of probation for abuse of a corpse. Under the terms and conditions of the deferred judgment and probation, Young must undergo mental health evaluation and treatment, substance abuse assessment and treatment, and cognitive behavioral therapy. He must also submit to monitored sobriety with random urinalysis and breathalyzer tests, perform 50 hours of community service, pay \$1,289.56 in restitution, maintain full time employment and maintain a permanent residence. He was also ordered to write letters of apology to each of the victim's family members who spoke in court during the sentencing hearing.

Mark Rubinson (dob: 7-24-86) pleaded guilty earlier to *abuse of a corpse* (M2). He appeared in Denver County Court today and was sentenced to a year in jail, which was suspended upon successful completion of two years of probation. The terms and conditions of probation include mental health evaluation and treatment and substance abuse assessment and treatment. He must also submit to monitored sobriety with random urinalysis and breathalyzer tests, perform 200 hours of community service, pay \$1,289.56 in restitution, maintain full time employment and write letters of apology to each of the family members who spoke at the sentencing hearing.

Young and Rubinson put a friend, 43-year-old Jeffrey Jarrett, in their car on August 28, 2011 even though he appeared to have passed out and was unresponsive. They drove to a nightclub and used Jarrett's credit card, and made at least one other stop before realizing Jarrett had died. They took him

back to the house, left his body in a bedroom, then left and made several more stops using his credit card.

Jarrett's mother, son, sister and former wife each spoke at the separate sentencing hearings, telling the judges how deeply Jarrett's death has impacted them and their whole family, and that the Court could not give either defendant the punishment they really deserved. Denver Deputy District Attorney Kandace Gerdes, who prosecuted the case, noted for the court that the guilty plea agreements were largely the result of the family's compassion.