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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **GUILTY PLEAS IN ARSON HOMICIDE**

Two brothers charged in connection with the murders of five people that occurred at Fero's Bar and Grill in Denver last year have pleaded guilty today in Denver District Court.

**Joseph Hill** (dob: 08-11-85) pleaded guilty to five counts of *first-degree murder* (F1). In exchange for his guilty plea, he avoids consideration of the death penalty.

**Lynell J. Hill** (dob: 10-27-87) pleaded guilty to one count of *second-degree murder* (F2) naming all five victims, *aggravated robbery* (F3) and *first-degree arson* (F3) in a plea agreement that stipulates a 70-year prison term.

Both are scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 5D for sentencing on October 3, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

The remaining co-defendant, **Dexter B. Lewis** (dob: 02-16-90), is scheduled for a status hearing on Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 1:15 p.m. in Denver District Courtroom 5D.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. See Colo. RPC 3.6