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MAN SENTENCED TO 48 YEARS AS ACCOMPLICE IN MURDER CASE

A 28-year-old man accused of being an accomplice in the shooting death of 22-year-old Andrea Roan a year and a half ago has been sentenced to 48 years in prison for his role in the murder.

Richard Leavitt (dob: 02-08-84) pleaded guilty earlier this year to second-degree murder (F2) and was sentenced this week to the maximum of 48 years in prison.

Leavitt was an accomplice to co-defendant **Ryan Miller** (dob: 07-02-84) in the tragic murder of Roan, a young woman who taught elementary school in Commerce City. She was on her way to work the morning of December 16, 2011, when Miller shot and killed her, a former girlfriend, as she was driving away from her home. It was Leavitt who obtained the murder weapon and provided it to Miller the morning of the shooting. He also drove Miller to and from the crime scene and helped hide the murder weapon.

Miller was convicted earlier this year of first-degree murder, kidnapping, burglary, criminal trespass and assault following a two week long trial that included 45 witnesses. Miller faces life in prison without parole when he is sentenced June 10, 2013.

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