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MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN DEATH OF POLICE OFFICER

The man accused of shooting and killing a Denver police officer last year has pleaded guilty today in Denver District Court.

Rollin Oliver (dob: 12-25-1990) was charged with *first-degree murder*; he pleaded guilty today to second-degree murder (F2).

On June 24, 2012, Oliver fired multiple rounds from a gun into a crowded area of Denver's City Park just as a jazz concert was ending. Denver Police Officer Celena Hollis died at the scene when one of the shots struck her in the head.

"The death of Officer Hollis is a great loss to the community, and the circumstances are tragic for everyone," Denver DA Mitch Morrissey said following the guilty plea. "Our thoughts are with her family and all those affected by her death."

The Denver Police Department is also acknowledging the guilty plea today. "The death of Officer Celina Hollis has been, and continues to be, a tragic and difficult reality for the men and women of the Denver Police Department," said Denver Police Chief Robert White. "Along with the community, DPD has supported the Hollis family since the fatal shooting occurred on June 24. Today, we continue to support them and their decision to concur with the District Attorney's recommendation of guilty plea to second-degree murder charges. It is my sincere hope that this decision will bring the Hollis family comfort as they remember an exceptional woman and officer who was devoted to her family and friends, her community, and to the citizens of Denver."

Oliver faces up to 26 years in prison when he is sentenced on June 21, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in Denver District Courtroom 5C.