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### **MAN SENTENCED TO MAXIMUM IN MURDER OF BUSINESS PARTNER**

The man found guilty of murdering a business colleague in 2010 has been sentenced to the maximum possible prison sentence in Denver District Court today.

**Joong Rhee** (DOB: 11-21-43) was sentenced to 48 years in prison on his second-degree murder conviction and an additional 18 months in prison for tampering with evidence. His conviction on first-degree assault on an at-risk adult merges with the murder count.

Park was reported missing from Adams County in March 2010. Several days later a crime scene was discovered at Rhee's office in Denver that shifted the missing person investigation to a homicide investigation. Rhee was charged with first-degree murder on April 16, 2010, even though the victim's body wasn't found until the following summer in 2011, in a desert area of Utah off I-70.

Chief Deputy DA Adrienne Greene and Deputy DA Andrew Luxen prosecuted this case, which spanned two weeks and more than a full day of jury deliberations. Luxen argued for the maximum sentence today, as did family members who attended the hearing. Also present in the courtroom were many of the jurors on the case.

Rhee declined to make any comment.