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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN CONVICTED IN 2011 MURDER AND KIDNAP CASE**

The man accused of kidnapping a security guard from the Cherry Creek Mall parking lot and murdering a 73-year-old man in 2011 has been found guilty today by a Denver jury.

**William Lornes** (dob: 05-06-86) was found guilty of *first-degree felony murder* (F1), *second-degree murder* (F2), two counts of *second-degree kidnapping* (F2), *aggravated robbery* (F3), and *first-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft* (F4).

On April 13, 2011, at about 1 p.m., Lornes confronted 73-year-old Gerald Schwartzman in a grocery store parking lot, later killed him and left his body in a dumpster in the 1200 block of Hudson Street. Later that day, Lornes approached a woman in the parking garage at the Cherry Creek Mall and forced her to drive him around at gunpoint. He later forced her into the trunk of the car but she was able to locate an emergency release inside the trunk and escape. She called police from a nearby convenience store.

Lornes was later arrested in Jefferson County after he abandoned the stolen car and was spotted trying to leave the area in a taxi cab. Outstanding work on the part of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and the Colorado State Patrol contributed to the successful arrest and prosecution of this case.

Lornes is scheduled to appear in Denver District Courtroom 5D on June 27, 2014, at 1:30 for sentencing. He faces life in prison without parole.