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MAN SENTENCED 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 sentenced to life in prison plus 102 years in prison today in Denver District Court.

William Lornes (dob: 05-06-86) was found guilty earlier this year 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). Denver District Court Judge Martin Eglehoff sentenced Lornes to the mandatory life sentence in connection with the murder conviction, plus the maximum sentence possible on the additional counts.

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 conclusion of this case, which was prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Christine Washburn and Chief Deputy District Attorney Joe Morales.