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FATHER GUILTY IN MURDER CASE

A father accused of coercing his son to shoot and kill a man last year has been found guilty of murder by a Denver jury today.

Daryl Thompson, Sr. (dob: 05-31-70) has been convicted of first-degree murder (F1), witness intimidation (F4) and accessory to crime (F4) in the shooting death of 37-year-old Charles Harris on April 24, 2013.

Daryl Thompson, Jr. (dob: 09-18-93) pleaded guilty last December to second-degree murder. A condition of the guilty plea agreement was that he testify truthfully at his father's trial this week. The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy DA Victoria Sharp and Deputy DA Alma Staub.

On April 24, 2013, Thompson, Sr. and Thompson, Jr. were involved in an altercation with the victim. A short time later, they approached Harris as he was walking near 38th Avenue and Grape Street and Thompson Sr. order Thompson, Jr. to shoot him.

Thompson, Sr. went to immediate sentencing this afternoon and will serve life in prison with parole. Thompson, Jr. faces up to 48 years in prison when he is sentenced later this month.

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