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MAN SENTENCED IN 2004 MURDER

A man accused of shooting and killing another man during an altercation inside the Bluebird Theater in 2004 was sentenced last week.

George Allen IV (dob: 04-06-79) pleaded guilty earlier this year to second-degree murder (F2) and one count of crime of violence, a sentence enhancer. He appeared in Denver District Court on Friday, May 22, 2015, and was sentenced to 27½ years in prison.

Allen shot and killed 21-year-old Kurt Levias in the early morning hours of August 4, 2004, after a fight erupted inside the Bluebird Theater at 3317 East Colfax Avenue. The altercation continued outside the theater, where Levias was fatally shot.

No arrest was made at the time, but the investigation has been ongoing by detectives with the Denver Police Department. New information was received in 2010 following an episode of America's Most Wanted, and additional information was developed by Homeland Security Investigations, San Diego Office, in 2013. The new information, when combined with the results of DNA evidence and traditional investigative work, led to identifying George Allen IV as a suspect in the murder. Allen remained at large until he was taken into custody last year in Las Vegas, Nevada and has been held without bond since that time.

He was remanded into the custody of the Colorado Department of Corrections.