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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN FOUND GUILTY OF 2<sup>nd</sup> DEGREE MURDER**

A 30-year-old man charged with murder following a fatal shooting in the 3200 block of W. Avondale Drive last March has been found guilty by a Denver jury of second-degree murder.

**Timothy Wakefield** (07-02-84) was originally charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of 30-year-old Christopher Demarco of Pennsylvania. Following a week-long trial and just a few hours of deliberation, the jury returned a verdict this morning of guilty on second-degree murder (F2).

Wakefield and Demarco, who were long-time friends, had been arguing the day of the murder. Wakefield testified that he thought Demarco was trying to steal money from him and the accusation led to a physical confrontation between them. Wakefield was armed, and claimed the gun accidentally went off when the victim tried to take the gun away from him.

Wakefield remains in custody; he is scheduled to appear for sentencing on Friday, March 6, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. in Denver District Courtroom 5A. He faces up to 48 years in prison.