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JURY FINDS MAN GUILTY IN WOMAN'S MURDER

A man accused in the murder of a 30-year-old woman last summer at a Denver motel has been found guilty by a Denver jury following a 7-day trial.

Brandon Foote (dob: 01-02-86) was found guilty as charged of *first-degree murder after deliberation* (F1), *first-degree felony murder* (F1), and *first-degree burglary* (F3). The jury deliberated one day before returning the verdicts.

On June 25, 2015, officers from the Denver Police Department responded to a report of several shots fired at the Sage and Sand Motel at 8415 East Colfax Avenue. They found the victim a block away, suffering from fatal gunshot wounds. Foote was accused of breaking into a motel room where the victim's sister was staying and killing the victim following an altercation.

The case was prosecuted by Denver Deputy District Attorneys Danielle Sexton and Zach McCabe. Foote will be sentenced on June 3, 2016, in Denver District Courtroom 4H.

A co-defendant, **Merita Curry-Swanson** (dob: 02-03-80) is charged with *first-degree felony murder* (F1) and *first-degree burglary* (F3) in connection with the case and is scheduled to go to trial in June.