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MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE PLUS 48 YEARS

A man convicted in a gruesome murder that occurred last year was sentenced on Friday to life in prison plus 48 years.

Daniel J. Gonzales (05-07-83) was found guilty of *first-degree murder* (F1), *abuse of a corpse* (M2), *stalking* (F5), *first-degree arson* (F3), *first-degree burglary* (F3) and *aggravated robbery* (F3).

The victim, Francis Canham worked part time at an accounting firm, and when he failed to show up for work, police were called to conduct a welfare check. On February 4, 2015, the body of the 66-year-old victim was found in a home in the 2600 block of Java Court, along with a can of gasoline, matches and what appeared to be attempts to start a fire. The victim's identification and credit cards had been stolen.

Denver police detectives, with assistance from an Economic Crime investigator with the Denver DA's Office, identified Daniel Gonzales as a suspect, and he was arrested in Orlando, Florida several days later.

The case was prosecuted by Denver Chief Deputy DA Khoury Dillon and Deputy DA Effie Antonopoulos.