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**MAN CONVICTED OF MURDER & ARSON**

A Denver District Court jury returned a verdict today against a man accused of murdering a 29-year-old man whose body was found in a burning building, in his apartment above a bagel shop, in the early morning hours of May 2, 2016.

**Brian Pattison** (dob: 11-25-1985) was convicted as charged after a seven-day trial of *murder in the first degree* (F1) and *arson in the first degree* (F3). Pattison was arrested on May 25, 2016.

Pattison shot and killed 29-year-old Shane Richardson sometime between April 30 and May 2, 2016, then set fire to Richardson’s home in the 700 block of East 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue above a bagel and deli shop, which was also damaged. The victim’s body was discovered after Denver firefighters extinguished the fire. Pattison, a tattooist from Colorado Springs ostensibly went to Mr. Richardson’s apartment for a “tattoo party,” to finish a tattoo he had started for the victim. Pattison and the victim were seen entering and exiting the building throughout the day of April 29. On April 30, Pattison, but not the victim, was seen entering and exiting the building several times, with Pattison carrying out personal belongings of the victim, returning and exiting for more, and loading them into the victim’s vehicle, which he subsequently drove back to Colorado Springs. In the late night hours of May 1, the building’s surveillance video recorded Pattison with a concealed object in hand enter the building. Minutes later Pattison exited the building and almost simultaneously a fire inside the building was detected.

Pattison will be sentenced at a later date.