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MAN SENTENCED IN 2015 STABBING DEATHS

A man convicted in April for the stabbing death of a man in January 2015, and who pleaded guilty today for the stabbing death of another man during the same incident, was sentenced Friday afternoon in Denver District Court.

Jamaal Edwards (dob: 09-29-1985) was found guilty in April of *second degree murder* (F2) for the death of 53-year-old John Shoeboot. He was sentenced today to 42 years in prison for that murder.

The jury in April could not return a verdict on the second murder count for the death of 42-year-old James Clyde Brown, the court declared a mistrial as to the second count of murder, and ordered an October trial for the death of Mr. Brown. However, today Edwards pleaded guilty to *manslaughter* (F4) in the death of Mr. Brown and was immediately sentenced to 12 years in prison.

The two prison sentences are to run concurrently.

In the early morning hours of January 7, 2015, Edwards was involved in an altercation with two men in an apartment in the 1400 block of Xenia Street and fatally stabbed Mr. Shoeboot and Mr. Brown. 911 calls were made reporting the events. Investigators determined Edwards made one of those calls in which he claimed he saw someone murdered, and was subsequently arrested as the suspect the next day after police confronted Edwards with inconsistencies in his version of events.