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MAN CONVICTED OF ONE MURDER; NEW TRIAL ORDERED IN ANOTHER

A Denver District Court jury returned a verdict yesterday against a man accused of stabbing two men to death in January 2015.

Jamaal Edwards (dob: 09-29-1985) was charged with two counts of *murder in the first degree* (F1) in January 2015. He was convicted after a seven-day trial of the lesser included offense of *murder in the second degree* (F2) in the death of 53-year-old John Shoeboot. The jury could not return a verdict on the second murder count in the death of 42-year-old James Clyde Brown, the court declared a mistrial as to the second count of murder, and ordered a new trial.

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 as well as allegedly fatally stabbing Mr. Brown. Two 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.

Edwards will be sentenced for the second degree murder conviction on June 23, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 4H. A new trial for the death of Mr. Brown is scheduled for October 3, 2017.

The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Zach McCabe and Deputy District Attorney Moses Suh.