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**DENVER JURY CONVICTS MAN IN 2016 SHOOTING OF TWO TEENS &
ILLEGAL MARIJUANA GROW OPERATION**

A Denver District Court jury convicted a man today in connection with the 2016 shooting death and wounding of two teens found in his backyard, and for conducting an illegal marijuana grow operation.

Keith Hammock (dob: 07-07-1968) was convicted after a five-day trial of one count of *second-degree murder* (F2), one count of *attempted second-degree murder* (F3), one count of *first-degree assault-deadly weapon* (F3), one count of *processing or manufacturing marijuana* (DF3), and one count of *cultivation of marijuana* (DF4). Hammock was originally charged with *murder in the first degree* (F1), but the jury convicted him on the lesser included offense of *second degree murder*.

On October 9, 2016, at about 2:00 a.m., Hammock fired at two teens who had jumped over a fence into his backyard at 2830 High Street. A 15-year-old boy was killed and a 14-year-old boy was shot and wounded.

Hammock is scheduled to be sentenced on October 4, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in Denver District Courtroom 5B.