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**MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TWO MURDERS; LIFE SENTENCES IMPOSED**

A man charged with the shooting murder of two other men in separate incidents in November 2015 pleaded guilty last Friday in Denver District Court and was immediately sentenced to two life sentences without the possibility of parole, to be served concurrently.

**Kenneth Banks** (dob: 12-13-1994) pleaded guilty to the November 20, 2015, shooting death of 20-year-old Joel Gomez-Chavez as the victim was in his bedroom at his home in the 3300 block of N. Dahlia Street. Banks was charged with one count of *murder in the first degree* (F1) in late December 2016 (**17CR20009**).

Banks also pleaded guilty to the November 23, 2015, drive-by shooting death of 20-year-old D'Andre Mayfield at 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Peoria Street as the victim was in his vehicle. Banks was charged with one count of *murder in the first degree* (F1) in March 2016 (**17CR20000**).

The shooting murders are believed to be gang-related.