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MAN SENTENCED FOR NOV. 2016 MURDER IN NE DENVER

A man charged with murder in the death of another man at a house party in November 2016 was sentenced today in Denver District Court.

Salvador Vargas (dob: 02-22-1984) was charged with *murder in the first degree* (F1) last December and convicted after a four-day trial in June of *murder in the second degree* (F2). He was sentenced this afternoon to 48 years in the Department of Corrections and ordered to pay \$13,010 in restitution.

In the early morning of November 27, 2016, Vargas shot and killed 54-year-old Rufino Perez after a dispute erupted between the two men at a party of several people at a home in the 5500 block of N. Carson Street. Vargas was shot and slightly wounded during the initial confrontation after which his wife was able to take the gun away from the victim. Several minutes later Vargas used a gun he took from his wife's purse to shoot numerous times and ultimately kill Mr. Perez in retaliation.