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### **JURY CONVICTS MAN OF MURDER IN JULY 2017 ALTERCATION**

A Denver District Court jury convicted a man of murder in the death of another in an altercation between the man and his mother's boyfriend in July 2017.

**Elizario Herrera** (dob: 04-15-1985) was found guilty yesterday after a four-day jury trial of *second degree murder* (F2). He was charged with *first degree murder* (F1).

On the night of July 11, 2017, Herrera and the victim, 55-year-old Michael Lanford, got into an altercation with each other in the backyard of a home in the 4000 block of N. Shoshone Street. The victim was struck with a sharp instrument, left the backyard, bleeding heavily, and died on the sidewalk a few doors down the street.

Habitual offender charges have been filed in connection with sentencing, which is scheduled for January 14, 2019.