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Benjamin Satterthwaite Pleads Guilty to Murdering Joshua Lockard

DENVER—Prosecutors with the Denver District Attorney’s Office today announced that after being charged with killing 33-year-old Joshua Lockard, Benjamin Satterthwaite (age 29) pleaded guilty to Murder in the Second Degree. The parties’ agreement provides that the court will impose a sentence of between 25 and 30 years in the Department of Corrections.

In January, Satterthwaite was [accused of killing Mr. Lockard](#) and then cutting up his body, parts of which he then put in two suitcases. Those suitcases were found in the 1700 block of S. Java Way in Denver by city employees on December 29, 2020.

“We thank Mr. Lockard’s family for supporting our decision to accept Mr. Satterthwaite’s guilty plea,” said Denver District Attorney Beth McCann. “This was a horrific murder; however, the cause of Mr. Lockard’s death was never determined which makes his guilty plea and potential sentence length an appropriate outcome.”

Sentencing in case number 21CR00175 is set for November 12, 2021, at 1:30 pm in Courtroom 5H.