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Denver Jury Finds James Nixon’s Killer Guilty

DENVER—After deliberating for approximately four hours, on Friday, December 16, 2022, a jury agreed with Denver District Attorney prosecutors that Arturo Villalobos (age 41) was guilty of murder in the second degree for killing 41-year-old James Nixon on April 14, 2022, in Denver.

Just after 6:00 p.m. on April 14th, Nixon walked into the Federico Peña Southwest Family Health Center Urgent Care with a gunshot wound to the stomach and was transported to the hospital where he died from his injury two days later. On April 17, 2022, the Office of the Medical Examiner ruled Nixon’s death a homicide.

Denver police detectives investigated the incident. A witness told the detectives that he was at Nixon’s house when Villalobos arrived. The witness reported hearing the two men argue and hearing a gunshot. That witness drove Nixon to the Urgent Care and fully cooperated during the investigation.

Villalobos will be sentenced on February 16, 2023, in Denver District Court courtroom 5E. This is case number 22CR2121.

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