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Denver DA Charges 17-Year-Old as Adult in Shooting Death of Tayanna Manuel

DENVER—On December 26, 2022, the body of 16-year-old Tayanna Manuel was found behind a dumpster at 4927 North Sedalia Street by Denver Police Department officers. The Denver Office of the Medical Examiner ruled on December 29th that Manuel died from a gunshot wound and that her death was a homicide. Today, prosecutors with the Denver District Attorney's Office announced that 17-year-old Deontre Hollie will be charged as an adult for the murder of Tayanna Manuel.

Prosecutors allege that Hollie also shot a juvenile male that same night. That juvenile survived his injuries and details about him are being withheld. Hollie is charged with, murder in the first degree – after deliberation (F1), attempted murder in the first degree – after deliberation (F2), first degree assault with a deadly weapon – serious bodily injury (F3) and tampering with physical evidence of a felony crime (F6). This is Denver District Court case number 23CR20001.

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