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Guilty Verdict for Gary McLaughlin's Killer

DENVER—Just before 3:00 a.m. on May 28, 2021, Denver police officers responded to a shooting and found Gary Vincent McLaughlin (age 35) lying in the street at 11th Avenue and Sherman Street suffering from gunshot wounds. Mr. McLaughlin was later pronounced dead at a local hospital. After a thorough investigation, Donald Gonzales was arrested and charged with Mr. McLaughlin's murder.

A Denver jury on Friday after deliberating for approximately six hours found Donald Gonzales (current age 23) guilty of one count of murder in the second degree (F2). The presiding judge scheduled sentencing for May 18, 2023, at 1:30 in courtroom 5B. This is Denver District Court case number 21CR3376.

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