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Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for Motel Murder

Michael Earl Smith (DOB 09/14/1983) was sentenced to life in prison without parole plus 12 years today in Adams County District Court for the sexual assault and murder of a woman at the Valli-Hi Motel in Adams County.

Smith was convicted last week of first-degree murder, first-degree felony murder and sexual assault.

Krista Ann Boma, 34, was found severely beaten and strangled to death in a room at the Valli Hi on July 12, 2012. Smith strangled Boma with his hands and a belt.

Adams County District Judge Mark Warner described Smith's actions as "cruel, heartless and depraved."

"I would like extend my gratitude to the prosecution team and the Adams County Sheriff's Office for their outstanding work in achieving justice for Krista Boma and her family," 17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young said.

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