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Man Sentenced to Life in Prison in Stabbing Death

Hector Alvarez-Martinon (DOB 09/18/94) was sentenced to life in prison without parole today in the stabbing death of Francisco Moran in 2012.

He was convicted of first-degree murder after deliberation on January 31.

According to evidence presented during the trial, Alvarez-Martinon, Moran and Alex Hernandez were in a Cadillac Escalade driven by Hernandez on Nov. 22, 2012 when Alvarez-Martinon, who was sitting in the rear passenger seat, pulled out a screw driver and began stabbing Moran, who was sitting in the front passenger seat.

The attack continued at the East Gate Mobile Home Park in Brighton after Moran escaped from the vehicle and tried to get away from Alvarez-Martinon and Hernandez.

Police found Moran covered in blood. Asked who did this to him, he responded, "Hector Alvarez." Moran was stabbed 64 times in the head, neck and arm. He died after he was transported to Denver Health Medical Center.

Adams County District Judge Mark Warner called Moran's murder an act of "unparalleled violence" and "stunning brutality."

"This was a brutal and senseless crime," said District Attorney Dave Young. "The defendant now will spend the rest of his life behind bars, which is where he belongs."

Alex Hernandez also is charged with first-degree murder in the case. His trial is set for March 3.

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