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Man Sentenced to 13 years in Prison for Fatal Bar Shooting

Mario Moses Oliveros (DOB 09/08/74) was sentenced to 13 years in prison Wednesday for reckless manslaughter in a shooting at Chamucos bar in Thornton last year.

Oliveros was convicted in January by an Adams County jury of reckless manslaughter (F4) in the shooting death of Jose Horner of Westminster. He also was convicted of four counts of reckless endangerment (M3) concerning other patrons of the bar. He had been charged with first-degree murder and attempted first-degree murder.

The shooting took place after a disturbance at the bar in the early morning hours of February 24, 2013 when Oliveros fired his gun at bar patrons. Jose Horner was shot in the head and killed. Oliveros fled the scene and was arrested that day.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Mike Heinz told the court that Oliveros has four previous felony convictions, including an incident that took place at the same bar in 2007. He said that Oliveros, barred from possessing a firearm because of his prior felony convictions, walked into the crowded bar with a concealed loaded handgun looking for trouble. He argued for a maximum sentence because of the high risk Oliveros poses to the community.

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