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**Man Sentenced to Life in Prison for First-Degree Murder of Son in Strasburg**

Timothy Eugene Shively (DOB 09/08/45) was sentenced Thursday to life in prison without parole plus 20 years in the shooting death of his son last September at his son's home in Strasburg.

An Adams County District Court jury on Thursday convicted Shively of first-degree murder after deliberation in the death of Sean Shively, 38. The jury also convicted Shively of attempted first-degree murder of Cole Garmann, 25. Shively shot his son Sean Shively, 38, in the head during a heated argument and then fired at Garmann as he ran for his life.

After the verdict was read, Adams County District Judge Mark Werner sentenced Shively to life in prison without parole for first-degree murder after deliberation. He also ordered that Shively serve 20 years in prison for attempted first-degree murder of Garmann.

Sean Shively's parents had moved in with him several months earlier. According to testimony during the trial Sean Shively was upset about his father's drinking and his father's purchase of a camper trailer while he owed him money. Timothy Shively, who had a drinking problem and a violent temper, was angry with his son for killing several of the couple's pet cats which Sean Shively disliked because they urinated in the house and scratched the furniture.

As the argument escalated, Timothy Shively grabbed his gun and shot his son in the head as the two men stood outside the house. Timothy Shively also fired shots at Garman, who was running away to avoid being shot.

Shively's daughters told the court that their father had threatened and terrorized family members for years. "This man put us through hell our whole lives," his daughter said during the sentencing hearing. "I'm glad he is being put away for life and I will not have to live in fear anymore."

"This was a difficult and tragic case," said Assistant District Attorney Jess Redman. "This man took the life of his only son without any justification and destroyed his family. We sincerely appreciate the work of the Adams County Sheriff's Office and the jurors for their service to the community in this case."

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