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**Man Convicted of First-Degree Murder in Shooting Death of Former Girlfriend**

Seth Erin Wilkinson (DOB 12/22/91) was convicted of first-degree murder after deliberation Friday in the shooting death of his former girlfriend in 2012.

Wilkinson went to 20-year-old Antida Archuleta's workplace at the Savannah Suites Hotel in Westminster on December 14, 2012 and shot her three times in the head. She was also shot in the arm. When police arrived, they found Archuleta in a pool of blood and Wilkinson standing over her, bleeding, with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his chin.

Wilkinson had gone to Archuleta's grandparents' home earlier in the day and confronted her about her new boyfriend, threatening to kill himself. Archuleta called Wilkinson's parents and his father came to the home and took him away. Later that afternoon he told his parents he was going to an office Christmas party. Instead he went to Savannah Suites armed with a .45 caliber revolver, looking for Archuleta. The next day, police found a suicide note in his bedroom that Wilkinson had written to his family.

The Adams County District Court jury rejected Wilkinson's claim that he was not guilty by reason of insanity, deliberating little more than an hour before convicting him as charged of one count of first-degree murder after deliberation (F1).

Sentencing will be May 22 at 8:30 a.m. in Division G of Adams County District Court.

During closing arguments, District Attorney Dave Young told the jury that there was no question that Wilkinson was not insane and knew exactly what he was doing when he brought his gun to the Savannah Suites and killed Antida Archuleta. Young said Wilkinson acted with deliberation and intent when he took this young woman's life.

"We are thankful for the jury's verdict and for their attention to this case," Young said.

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