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Woman Who Ran Over Husband Convicted of Manslaughter and Vehicular Homicide

Nancy Jo Arias (DOB 02/16/76) was convicted Thursday of manslaughter, vehicular homicide and DUI in the death of her husband, Phillip Anthony Lobato, last August.

Arias ran over Lobato, 38, with her car on August 11 at 2735 W. 72nd Avenue in Westminster after he struck her several times in the face during an argument that began in the car.

Westminster police responding to a disturbance call found Lobato unresponsive and on the ground. Arias was kneeling next to him and told police she had just run over him with her vehicle. She said this took place during a heated argument in which he had struck her with his hand and she told him to get out of the vehicle. After he continued to hit her through the open car window, she ran him down with the car.

During closing arguments, Chief Deputy District Attorney Rhoda Pilmer told the jury that Arias deliberately ran over her husband with the car. "He was no longer a threat to her," she said. "He had walked away and was in the parking lot. She had choices, she had so many other choices, and she chose to run him over with a car that night."

The Adams County District Court jury convicted Arias on charges of manslaughter, vehicular homicide (F4) and DUI after a trial that began last week.

Sentencing is set for 8:30 a.m. on September 11 in Division E of Adams County District Court.

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