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Christopher Waide Sentenced to 48 Years in Lea Porter Murder

Christopher Adam Waide was sentenced Friday to 48 years in prison for second-degree murder Friday in the death of 19-year-old Lea Chali Porter of Pueblo last year.

Adams County District Judge Craig Welling also sentenced Waide (DOB 10/02/90) to six years in prison for sexual exploitation of a child, to be served concurrently with the 48-year prison term.

Waide pleaded guilty in September to second-degree murder (F2) and one count of sexual exploitation of a child for possessing more than 20 pornographic images on a computer that was seized in the case.

Porter was reported missing to Westminster police on June 5, 2014. Waide was arrested June 12, 2014. Westminster police searched a landfill for more than 40 days after Waide said he had placed Porter's body in a dumpster. Her body was never recovered.

In imposing sentence, the judge said he did not believe the version of events that Waide gave police about how Porter died. Waide's actions "deprived the family from having closure and to have a final goodbye with their beloved family member," Welling said.

"The defendant has received the maximum sentence of 48 years for second-degree murder and likely will spend the rest of his life in prison," said District Attorney Dave Young. "This has been a difficult and sad case for everyone involved. I empathize with the family in the tragic loss of their 19-year-old daughter. This case has been one of our highest priority cases since June of 2014."

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