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**Man Sentenced to 10 Years in Death of 14-year-old at Aurora Apartment Complex**

James Jason Tobias Lee was sentenced to 10 years in prison Friday in the shooting death of a 14-year-old boy outside an Aurora apartment complex last September.

Marcell Jay Johnson, 14, was shot and killed on September 2 outside the Fitzsimons Apartments at 1568 Nome Street in Aurora. A 17-year-old boy also was shot in the arm but survived. Lee (DOB 08/11/97) was arrested the next morning.

Lee was convicted May 3 of reckless manslaughter (F4), two counts of attempted reckless manslaughter (F5) and third-degree assault (M1).

The District Attorney's Office sought a sentence in the aggravated range because of Lee's criminal history, which Adams County Thomas Ensor imposed. The presumptive range for reckless manslaughter is 2 to 6 years in prison.

Deputy District Attorney Lindsay Tanis told the court that Lee injected himself into a fight between Johnson and some other teens. "He brought a loaded gun. As a result a 14-year-old is dead," Tanis said.

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