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Matthew Britton Convicted of First-degree Murder and Sentenced to Life in Prison

Matthew Britton (DOB 08/02/61) was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole Friday in the shooting death of Kobe Wiley last year in Broomfield.

Britton's estranged girlfriend, Niki Adkins, had gone to Britton's home at 815 Lotus Way on September 19, 2015 to pick up their 5-year-old daughter. Wiley, 54, and she had planned to take her to the zoo.

Evidence during this week's trial showed that Britton waited for Wiley and Adkins to arrive at his house, sitting on the sofa with a gun in his waistband. He shot Wiley multiple times soon after the two arrived at the house. Wiley suffered five gunshots to the back of his head, one at close range.

"This was an act of cowardice," Chief Deputy District Attorney Patrick Costigan told the jury during closing arguments. "He ambushed an unarmed man out of jealousy."

The Broomfield District Court jury deliberated about five hours before returning its guilty verdict.

District Attorney Dave Young thanked the jury for its careful attention to the case and its verdict. "I hope that the fact that this defendant has been convicted of first-degree murder and will spend the rest of his life in prison brings a sense of justice for Kobe Wiley's family."

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