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Man Convicted of Tampering with Evidence

Jeremiah Charles Hooker (DOB 03/16/92) was convicted today, February 10, 2017 of tampering with evidence for stashing a gun in a gopher hole after his friend was fatally shot during a friendly scuffle.

Armando Camarena (DOB 07/21/84) died of a gunshot wound April 30, 2016. Evidence showed that Hooker and Fabian Mendez picked up Camarena earlier that evening at 9410 Lilly Court in Thornton. Camarena was shot when he and Hooker were involved in a mock tussle over the gun.

Mendez and Hooker took Camarena to the North Suburban Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. Hooker stashed the gun and magazine in gopher holes in a field near Pearl Street and Russell Boulevard.

Hooker was convicted of one count of tampering with physical evidence (F6).

Sentencing is set for 8:30 a.m. on April 10, 2017 in Division L of Adams County District Court.

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